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# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

## *At Fair Bluff, Columbus County, N. C.*

OCTOBER 7TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH,

1836. (1836)

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Robert McNabb, from Isaiah, 40th chapter and 1st verse: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."

2. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel Mims, and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Francis Hawley.

3. Appointed Brethren Melvin, Pitman and Williamson a Committee of Finance.

4. Called for the Church Letters, read them, and enrolled the names of the Delegates.

5. Received 3 newly constituted Churches, viz: *Pleasant Plains*, in Columbus County; *Union*, in Cumberland County, and *Salem*, in Horry District, S. C.

6. Elected the following Brethren the Officers of this Association: Samuel Mims, Moderator; James McDaniel, Clerk; and James S. Mims, Assistant Clerk.

7. Invited visiting and Corresponding Brethren to a seat with us.—Whereupon, Brethren R. McNabb, from the Goshen Association; C. Reaves, T. G. Rogers, A. Stricling and Doct. Hodges, from the Welsh Neck Association; F. Hawley, one of the General Agents of the State Convention; and W. Nowland, Missionary of the American Home Mission Society, took seats.

8. Appointed Brethren Melvin, Pitman, Williamson, W. Griffin, Jernigan, and G. Parker a committee to elect Preachers for the stage during this meeting.

9. Appointed Brethren Hawley, Davis and Hodges a committee to inquire the principles on which the various Temperance Societies in this Association are founded, and to report.

10. Appointed Brethren McNabb, Melvin and Pitman a committee to suggest the method that will most probably be successful in securing larger contributions from the Churches, for Missionary purposes.

11. Appointed Brethren James S. Mims, Hollingsworth and J. Stone a committee to examine Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and to report.

12. Adjourned to Saturday morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Robbins.

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

13. Met, and business opened with Prayer by Elder Ayers.

14. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

15. Called for the Circular Letter, which, from some cause unknown to the Association, was either not prepared, or was not presented.

16. The committee on the method to increase the funds of this Association, for Missionary purposes, reported;--Report accepted. See Letter (A) of the Appendix.

17. The committee on the principles of the various Temperance Societies in the Association, reported;—Report indefinitely postponed.

18. On motion, agreed to have Booth's Vindication of the Baptists appended to these Minutes in the place of a Circular.

19. Ordered that an abstract of the state of Religion in this Association be appended to these Minutes.

20. Appointed Brother John Smith to prepare a Circular Letter for next year.

21. Appointed Delegates to the following Associations: To the Goshen, D. Thames and R. Melvin; to the Welsh Neck, W. Ayers and J. Pitman; to the Pee Dee, in 1837, Dennis Lennon and W. Ayers.

22. On motion, *Resolved*, That Brother Ayers be affectionately requested to itinerate within the bounds of this Association until our next meeting;—That he receive $144 for his services;—That the Churches be requested to contribute to his support, and that, in the event of the Churches failing to make up the above amount, we obligate ourselves to pay it to him.

23. Agreed that the next session of this Association be at Ashpole, Robeson County, N. C., on Friday before the 2d Lord's Day in October, 1837. Elder Ayers to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Lennon his alternate. Service to commence at 12 o'clock.

24. Appointed Elder McDaniel to preach a Missionary Sermon on Lord's Day, at the next session of this Association.

25. On motion, *Resolved*, That we solicit the Churches in this Association, to take into consideration the expediency of paying our Delegates to Corresponding Associations; and, in the event of their being convinced such a procedure ought to be adopted, to enlarge their contributions to the Association Fund.

26. The Bible cause was introduced to the consideration of the Association, and, after a few remarks in relation to it, a Bible Society was formed.

27. Appointed Samuel Mims, James S. Mims and James McDaniel a Committee of Arrangements.

28. Adjourned to Monday morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Lennon.

## SABBATH MORNING.

The services of the day were introduced by Elder Thomas G. Rogers, from Phillippians, 2d chapter and 5th verse: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." In consequence of the delicate health of Elder James McDaniel, who was to have delivered the Missionary Sermon, it was delivered next by Elder Francis Hawley, from Psalms, 51st chapter, 12th and 13th verses: "Restore unto me the joys of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee." After which, a collection was taken up in aid of Missions. The congregation was then dismissed for the space of 15 minutes, after which they were addressed by Elder Robert McNabb, from Matthew, 16th chapter and 17th verse: "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven." At the close of the discourse, an invitation was given to those who wished the Christians present to engage in special prayer for them, to come forward and present themselves before the stage. Several came, and from the feeling manifested, we have reason to hope that much good will result from the meeting.

## MONDAY MORNING.

29. Met, and opened business with prayer by Elder Davis.

30. The committee on the Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations, reported;—Report accepted. See Letter (B) of the Appendix.

31. Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

32. Committee of Finance reported;—Report accepted. See Letter (C) of the Appendix.

*Resolved*, That we recommend our beloved brother Nowland, Missionary of the American Home Mission Society, the pleasure of whose company we now have, to the kind and affectionate reception of the Churches in this Association.

33. Agreed that we have 600 copies of these Minutes printed and left at the *Observer Office*, in Fayetteville.

In view of the low state of Religion in this Association, *Resolved*, That we solemnly request every member of each Church to offer up ardent prayer to God for a revival, and that the time of offering these prayers be at the rising of the sun on the first Monday in every month, and that the Churches be earnestly requested to be punctual in the observance of this resolution. And furthermore, *Resolved*, That this Association observe the Friday before the first Sunday in June next, as a day of Fasting and Prayer, for a revival of Religion within its Churches.

34. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer of the Association Funds.

35. Appointed Brethren James McDaniel, Elias Davis, James S. Mims and Robert Melvin our Delegates to the State Convention at its approaching session.

36. Agreed that the monies in the Treasury for Missionary purposes be carried up to the Convention by the aforementioned Delegates.

37. On motion, *Resolved*, That the Churches in this Association give no countenance to R. Henderson as a preacher;—no, not so much as to hear him.

Adjourned to time and place before named. Praise and prayer by Elder McDaniel.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Received by Baptism | Received by Letter | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | A F. | F. M. F. | H. M. F. |
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| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Allen Inman and Jesse Pitman, | 1 | 1 | | 9 | 3 | 5 | 164 | 2 00 | | 4 00 |
| Big Branch, | Wm. B. Bullard and Alexander Cook, | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 90 | 1 50 | | |
| Saddle Tree, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burnt Islands, | John Israel and Rowland Mercer, | | 3 | | 3 | 1 | | 53 | 1 50 | | |
| Lebanon, | James Blount and James Humphrey, | | | | | 3 | 1 | 67 | 1 50 | 1 88¾ | |
| Pleasant Grove, | Cornelius Jinkins and Norman Martin, | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 2 00 | | |
| Ebenezer, | Nicholas Pitman and Newton Hays, | 7 | 2 | | 8 | 4 | | 50 | 1 00 | 65 | |
| Mount Eliam, | Isham Stone and Jesse Britt, | | | | | 2 | 1 | 63 | 1 50 | | |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Robert Melvin and James Hall, | 6 | 3 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 121 | 2 50 | 8 80 | |
| Mount Pleasant, | William Simmons and John Thomas, | 6 | | | | 2 | | 63 | 1 00 | 50 | 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | Elias Davis and Joseph Wood, | | | | 9 | 1 | | 38 | 1 00 | | |
| *Columbus County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | Dennis Lennon and George Parker, | 3 | | | | 2 | 2 | 130 | 2 50 | 1 50 | |
| Seven Creeks, | Edward C. Gore and Samuel Dusenberry, | 2 | 1 | | 12 | | | 19 | 5 00 | | |
| White Marsh, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | William Hinson and Joshua Stanley, | | | | | | 1 | 70 | 1 50 | | |
| Porter Swamp, | William Ayers and Lot Williamson, | 2 | 3 | | 4 | | 1 | 85 | 2 00 | 1 00 | |
| Pleasant Plains, | Joel Hill and Robert Ward, | | | | | | | 27 | 1 60 | 1 00 | |
| | William Ayers' donation, | | | | | | | | | 1 00 | |
| | Elias Gowen's donation, | | | | | | | | | 1 00 | |
| Iron Hill ✕ Roads, | James Garrell and William Hickman, | | 4 | | 1 | | 2 | 72 | 1 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| Whitesville, | Charles Taylor and Simon Sebbett, | | | | | 2 | 1 | 12 | 50 | | |
| *Brunswick County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Arthur Robbins and John Swain, | | | | | 1 | 1 | 42 | 1 00 | | |
| New Britain, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Moses Warrick's donation, | | | | | | | | | 50 | 50 |
| *Cumberland C'ty.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | William Hollingsworth and Samuel Cain, | 11 | | | 117 | 4 | 3 | 206 | 2 00 | 5 76 | |
| Union, | Samuel Mims, *James S. Mims* and JAMES MCDANIEL, | 4 | | | | | | 104 | 1 75 | | 4 00 |
| *Marion Dist., S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | Noel Bullock and Elias Ford, | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 70 | 3 00 | | |
| | Elias B. Ford's donation, | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 |
| | William Hill's donation, | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 |
| | James Adams's donation, | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 |
| Saw Mill, | Francis Flory and *David Hartsfield,* | | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | 49 | 1 75 | 1 00 | |
| *Horry District S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | John Harrilson and Jesse Harrilson, | 7 | | | 5 | 3 | 2 | 26 | 1 25 | | 1 25 |
| Good Hope, | William Hardee and Thomas Todd, | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 38 | 1 00 | | |
| Spring Branch, | John Hodges and William Griffin, | 6 | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 1 50 | | 2 00 |
| Salem, | Levi Moore and William Squires, | | | | | | | 48 | 1 00 | | |
| | William Hardee's donation, | | | | | | | | | | 50 |
| Buck Creek, | Isaac Hardee and Richard Bellemee, | | 1 | | 1 | | | 23 | 1 00 | | 1 00 |
| Sharon, | Daniel M. Edge and William Edge, | 10 | 2 | | | | | 28 | 1 70 | 1 00 | 3 00 |
| Sampson's Creek, | John Gore and Jordan Hughes, | | | | | | | 21 | 1 00 | | 1 00 |

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# APPENDIX.

## LETTER (A.)—*Report of the Committee on the method to increase the Missionary Funds of the Association.*

The Committee to whom was referred the suggestion of the method most likely to be successful in procuring an increase of the funds for missionary purposes, in this Association, after having duly considered the subject, beg leave to report, that in their opinion, the following resolution should be adopted and acted up to: *Resolved*, That each Delegate now present solemnly promise to use his endeavours with the Church to which he belongs, to interest them in the subject, and induce them to contribute liberally to the cause of Missions.

ROBERT McNABB, *Chairman.*

## LETTER (B.)—*Report of Committee on the Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations.*

The Committee on the Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations, beg leave to present the following as the result of their inquiry:

We have had neither Letter nor Messenger from the *Pee Dee* Association this year. Whether or not she appointed Messengers to our Association, we cannot tell, as we have not had access to her Minutes. Nor can we say any thing of what she is doing, or of the present state of religion in her churches.

From the *Goshen* Association, we are glad to see Elder McNabb as a Messenger, whom we welcome to a seat with us. By her Letter we learn that at her last session, "peace, union and brotherly love abounded,"—that the state of religion in most of her churches is not flourishing, but that in the great proportion of them, so far as she knew, "perfect peace and union prevails." In some two or three of her churches, there is at present, rather an unpleasant state of things, "owing principally" to the fact, that the "seeds of discord have been sown among them." In several others, there is rather an encouraging prospect. From her Messenger, we learn that she has an Associational Missionary Society, and that at her last session, she engaged the services of a Minister to travel and preach within her territory the ensuing year.

We have had the pleasure of perusing the last Minutes of the Welch Neck Association. God has been pleased to visit some of her Churches with revivals. In this Association there are Education and Mission Boards, which employ three Missionaries part of their time, to itinerate within her own territory, and whose labours have been abundantly blessed. This Board also, attends to the support, and superintends the studies of pious young men, who, in the judgment of the Churches to which they belong, are called of God to the Gospel ministry.

We are happy to see Brother Chas. Reaves and Doct'r S. Hodges among us, as Messengers from that Association, whom we most cordially welcome to a seat with us.

JAMES S. MIMS, *Chairman.*

## LETTER (C.)—*Report of the Financial Committee.*

Your Committee of Finance beg leave to submit the following Report, viz:

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| Received of the Churches this year for A. Fund, - - | $48 05 |
| Received for Foreign Missions, - - - - - | 26 59 |
| Received for Home Missions, - - - - - | 22 25 |
| Collection on Sabbath, - - - - - - - | 26 42½ |

JESSE PITMAN, *Chairman.*

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## *An Abstract of the State of Religion in the Cape Fear Association.*

The Letters this year, are mere intelligencers of barrenness. Almost every one tells the sad tale of prevalent coldness. Such a general declension has not been known in this Association for several years. It is a melancholy fact, that the various Societies are on the wane instead of increase. Temperance Societies are dissolving, and Sunday Schools are falling in several of the Churches in which they have once been sustained with a becoming zeal. In a word, this Association evidently wears the habiliments of a *back-slider.* On her very forehead, is deeply engraven, in large and legible characters, the God-provoking sin of ancient Laodicea. There is, however, one circumstance, or feature in her character, which it is charitably hoped, is the foreboding of a reformation. She seems to be coming to a little sense and knowledge of her infelicetous condition. Groans and sighs begin to burst forth from her, and she is beginning to cry,

"Return, O, Holy Dove return."

This session can boast of a much larger representation than for some years. Several Churches which have hitherto withheld a representation, being under an *anti*-missionary influence, came up this year, and bid fair to continue. Opposition to the benevolent operations of the day, is giving way, while interest in them is on the increase. The Churches, for the most part, have the same Ministry which they had the last Associational year. Many of them are still without a Pastor or a stated ministry. This destitution will, however, be to some extent remedied the ensuing year. The Association has employed Brother Wm. Ayers to itinerate and preach until the next session. Things seem to be assuming a more promising aspect than they have worn for some length of time. And it is fondly hoped that ere the Friday before the 2d Lord's Day in October, 1837, shall arrive, this Association will have returned from her backsliding, and the burthen of her song then be, 'the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.'

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

JAMES McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AT

***Ashpole, Robeson County, N. C.***

OCTOBER 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th,

**1837.**

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# MINUTES.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by William Ayers, from Col. 3d chap. 15th verse, "And be ye thankful."

2. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and D. Thames addressed a throne of grace.

3. Appointed brethren A. B. Stephens, R. Melvin, and J. Hollingsworth, a Committee of Finance.

4. Called for, and read the letters from the Churches, and enrolled the names of the Delegates.

5. Received two newly constituted Churches into union with us, viz: Mount Zion, in *Columbus County*, and Shaloate, in *Brunswick county*.

6. Appointed the following brethren, officers of the Association, viz: *Samuel Mims, Moderator, James McDaniel, Clerk, and James S. Mims, Assistant Clerk.

7. Invited corresponding and visiting brethren to seats with us; whereupon R. McNab, from the Goshen, and T. G. Rogers, D. McKay, N. Thomas, and J. Allen, from the Welsh Neck Association, accepted the invitation.

8. Appointed brethren J. Pitman, A. Inman, R. Melvin, A. B. Stephens, and J. Hollingsworth, a committee to select Preachers for the Stage during the session of the Association.

9. Appointed brethren McNab, McAllister, and Ford, a committee to report on the Temperance cause in this Association.

10. Appointed brethren Ayers, Thames, and Rogers, a committee to report on Missions.

11. Appointed brethren J. S. Mims, Floyd, and Watson, a committee to report on Letters and Minutes from Corresponding Associations.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by brother Hayes.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

12. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother T. G. Rogers.

13. Called for, and read the Circular Letter, and received it.

14. Called on the *Temperance* Committee to report: Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

15. Called on the Itinerant Preacher, Wm. Ayers, to report: Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

16. Settled up with brother Ayers for his services as the Itinerant Preacher in this Association the past year.

Whereas God has in a special manner blessed the labors of our beloved brother Wm. Ayers, during the past year: Therefore,

* The father of Mrs W. J. Tolar
of Fayetteville N.C.

*Resolved*, That he be affectionately requested to travel and preach in the bounds of this Association the ensuing year.

The foregoing request was acceded to by brother Ayers, and he is to be the Itinerant Preacher in this Association the ensuing year.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Association do cordially approve of the late organization of the American and Foreign Bible Society, which we regard as constituted in obedience to the Divine will, calling on our denomination to use their best efforts, by unfettered action, to give the Scriptures, in true and faithful versions, to all the nations of the earth.

At the offering of the foregoing resolution, addresses were made upon the Bible cause, and as soon as the resolution was adopted, the Association suspended their business for a while, when a Bible Society was organized, subscriptions received, and Delegates appointed to the State Bible Society, at May's Chapel, in Nov. 1837.

17. The Association resumed their business, and called on the *Mission* Committee to report: Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

18. Ordered that a Letter of Dismission be given to the Mount Pleasant Church in Bladen County, to join the Goshen Association, which is more convenient to them.

19. Appointed Jas. S. Mims to prepare a Corresponding Letter, to be appended to these Minutes.

20. Appointed brethren Jas. S. Mims and R. Melvin, Corresponding Messengers to the Goshen Association at their next session; Dwight Hays, and J. S. Mims, to the Welsh Neck Association, at their next session; and Abel King and Elias Davis to the Pee Dee Association, at their session, in 1838.

Adjourned to Monday Morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. King.

## SABBATH.

The weather was remarkably unfavorable. The rain which commenced early on Saturday, continued to fall with but little if any intermission, accompanied with considerable wind, until a late hour on Sabbath morning, when it abated a little, but soon commenced again, and ceased not until next morning. Many persons did not leave the houses, at which they spent the preceding evening. A considerable number of persons, however braved the weather and assembled at the Meeting House. Robert McNabb delivered to them a discourse founded on the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20th chap. 3–17th verses. Jas. McDaniel followed with a discourse on 2d chap. of Songs of Solomon, and 14th verse. The exercises of the day were closed with an exhortation and prayer by Jas. S. Mims. Many appeared deeply interested in the exercises. Sinners wept, while Christians were ready to say, "Master, it is good for us to be here."

## MONDAY MORNING.

21. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. McKay.

22. Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was read, adopted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

23. Called on the Committee on Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations to report: report accepted and ordered to be printed.

24. *Resolved*, To have an *Abstract* of the State of Religion in this Association appended to these Minutes.

25. *Ordered*, That there be 700 copies of these Minutes printed, and left at the *Observer Office*, in Fayetteville, in packages proportionate to the number of members in each Church.

26. *Resolved*, That the Clerk have $15 for his services this year.

27. Appointed Jas. McDaniel Treasurer for the Association.

28. *Resolved*, That we recommend Bro. Thos. G. Rogers to the kind and affectionate reception of the Churches in this Association.

29. Agreed that the next session of this Association be held at Bear Swamp Meeting House, Marion District, S. Ca., on Friday before the 2d Lord's day in Oct. 1838. Abel King to preach the Introductory Sermon; Dwight Hays the alternate. Appointed David Thames to preach a Missionary sermon at the next session of this Association, on Sabbath.

30. Appointed Brethren Jas. S. Mims and Dwight Hays the Associational Delegates to the State Convention at May's Chapel, Chatham County.

31. *Ordered*, That the funds for Missionary purposes belonging to the Association, be deposited in the hands of Jas. S. Mims, one of the Delegates, to be carried to the Convention.

Adjourned with a valedictory Hymn and Prayer, by Jas. McDaniel.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | *Baptized.* | *Received by Letter* | *Restored.* | *Dismissed by Lett'r* | *Excluded.* | *Dead.* | *Total.* | *A. F.* | *H. M. F.* | *F. M. F.* | *Bible Tracts.* |
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| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Wm. Thompson, A. B. Stephens, | 1 | 6 | | 6 | 2 | 1 | 162 | 4 00 | | | |
| Big Branch, | D. Hays, Moses Warrick, | 1 | 2 | | 4 | | 4 | 87 | 1 00 | 3 00 | | |
| Saddle Tree, | Elias Carlisle, Jas. Carlisle,* | | | | 4 | | | 21 | 1 00 | | 1 00 | |
| Burnt Islands, | Jacob Freeman, George Warrick, | 4 | | | | 2 | | 51 | 1 75 | | | |
| Lebanon, | Jas. Humphrey, Benjamin Freeman, | | 3 | | | | | 70 | 2 00 | | | |
| Pleasant Grove, | Norman Martin, Jno. Williams, | | | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 33 | 2 00 | | | |
| Ebenezer, | Newton Hays, Nicholas Pitman, | | | | 4 | | | 47 | 1 00 | | | |
| Mount Eliam, | Jas. H. Stone, Benjamin Ivey, | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 5 | 1 | 62 | 2 00 | | | |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | David Thames, Robert Melvin, | 3 | | | 1 | | 2 | 124 | 2 50 | | | |
| Mount Pleasant, | John G. Sutton, | 1 | | | | 2 | | 61 | 2 00 | | | |
| Hickory Grove, | Elias Davis, Allen Edwards, | | 1 | | | 1 | | 38 | 1 00 | | | |
| *Columbus County.* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | Dennis Lennon, George Parker, | 8 | | | 1 | | 2 | 136 | 3 00 | 25 | 50 | |
| Seven Creeks, | Samuel Dusenberry, Wm. H. Gore,* | 3 | | | | | 1 | 21 | 1 50 | | | |
| Mount Zion, | Jas. Baldwin, Nathan Ray,* | 3 | | | | | | 16 | 75 | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Seymore Summersett, Jas. Hinson, | 12 | 2 | | | 4 | | 83 | 2 00 | | | |
| Porter Swamp, | Wm. Ayers, John Russ, | 8 | | | | | | 93 | 3 00 | 3 50 | | |
| Pleasant Plains, | Joel Hill, Thomas Lee, | 22 | | 1 | | | 1 | 53 | 2 00 | | | |
| Iron Hill ✕ Roads, | James Garrell, Wm. Hickmon,* | 10 | | | 3 | | 3 | 78 | 3 00 | | | |
| Whitesville, | Simon Sebbett, George Hooks, | 1 | 1 | | | | | 15 | 50 | | | |
| *Brunswick County.* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Arthur Robbins, Joel Reaves,* | 2 | | | 2 | | | 41 | 1 00 | | | |
| New Britain, | John G. Grissett, Etheldred Bozman, | 36 | | | 9 | 1 | | 87 | 5 00 | | | |
| Shaloate, | Daniel Stanaland, Willis D. Sellers, | | | | | | | 41 | 1 50 | 2 50 | | |
| *Cumberland County.* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | Charles McAllister, Joseph Hollingsworth, | 2 | 2 | | 9 | 7 | 1 | 196 | 2 50 | | | |

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| Union, | Samuel Mims, *Jas. S. Mims*, JAMES McDANIEL, | 34 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 147 | 2 50 | | | 4 70 |
| *Marion District, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | Noel Bullock, M. Watson, | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 90 | 5 00 | | | |
| Saw Mill, | Jesse Ford, Francis Floyd, | 2 | | | | | | 48 | 1 50 | | | |
| *Horry District, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | Mark Reaves, Thomas Hodges, | 8 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 35 | 1 50 | | | |
| Good Hope, | Calvin Allen, Thomas Todd, | 4 | | | | | | 42 | 1 00 | | | |
| Spring Branch, | John Hodges, R. E. Price, | 23 | | | 1 | | 2 | 76 | 3 50 | | | |
| Salem, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buck Creek, | Richard Bellemee, Isaac Hardee,* | 4 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 22 | 1 00 | | | |
| Sharon, | ABEL KING, Joseph B. Edge, | 6 | | | | | 2 | 32 | 2 00 | | | |
| Simpson's Creek, | John Gore,* Thos. L. Hardee,* | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | 21 | 1 00 | | | |
| | Levy Mare's Donation. | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 | |

## *REPORT on Temperance.*

Your Committee on Temperance, after having conversed with individuals from different Churches, take pleasure in stating to your body, that the advocates of the Temperance reformation are gradually increasing, and that the Ministry in the Association are generally favorably affected towards it. From the best information at hand, we consider the Temperance reformation in this Association, on the advance.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT McNABB, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT on Missions.*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Missions, have had the same under consideration, and they are of the opinion, that one great cause of the little interest felt upon this subject, is the want of information concerning it. They are of opinion, that if the necessities of the destitute were fully known, that the knowledge would awaken sympathy. They therefore, recommend, that the Members of the Churches take *the Baptist Missionary Magazine*, published at Boston, by the Board of Foreign Missions; and also *the Biblical Recorder*, published at Newbern, by Bro. T. Meredith. They think these periodicals admirably adapted to give the information needed, and when this information comes, there will accompany it a knowledge of the path of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. AYERS, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT on the Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations.*

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations, submit the following:

We have had the pleasure of perusing the Minutes of the Welsh Neck and Goshen Associations, and a Letter from the latter. No intelligence from the Pee Dee.

There is nothing of importance to be seen in the Minutes of the Goshen Association, except that two or three of the Churches have been enlarged by the addition of some new members. From their Letter of Correspondence, which was written at their last session, we learn, that for the last year, their state has been more deplorable than it was the year preceding. Coldness and barrenness prevail, while their "harps hang upon the willows;" though they say there are "indications of better times."

They inform us that their Ministers, generally, are zealously affected towards the various plans of benevolence, in the support of which, the Christian world is engaged. But they do not think it expedient to take a "decided stand" in relation to them. They have no itinerant in their employ this year.

In the Welsh Neck Association, there was prevalent coldness during the year that closed with their last meeting. But this year, many of the Churches have experienced a time of refreshing from the power of the

Lord. In this Association, the cause of Missions finds a liberal support; Temperance, many zealous advocates; Sabbath Schools are kept up in the Churches; the education of young Ministers is attended to, and aid is given to the Bible cause. They have earnestly recommended to the Churches to form Bible Societies, which has to a considerable extent been done.—They have subscribed and paid about 800 Dollars already, to the Bible cause, since the organization of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. S. MIMS, *Chairman.*

*REPORT of Wm. Ayers, the itinerant Preacher, in the Association.*

BELOVED BRETHREN,

It now becomes my duty to present you with an account of my labours, during the past year, in accordance with the appointment you gave me at your last session.

Directly after the adjournment of the Association, I proceeded upon the duties assigned me by that body. I first visited some of the Churches in Robeson, and thence proceeded into Columbus County, and Horry District, S. Carolina. Afterwards I went into Brunswick and Bladen. I likewise visited the two Churches in Marion District, S. Carolina. I found most of the Churches in the lower part of the Associational bounds, in a destitute situation. From this circumstance, I was induced to confine my labours principally to those Churches. By the influences of the Spirit of God, my labours have been signally blessed. I have frequently had the happiness to witness the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon my congregations, and to see sinners inquiring the way to Zion, with hearts melted into the deepest contrition, while many have given satisfactory evidence of their having passed from death unto life.

I have travelled 233 days, and the residue of the time I was engaged with Churches, not far distant from home. I received from Churches, congregations, and individuals, as will be seen by the account accompanying this report, $125 97. I have baptized 102 persons.

The present state of the Churches is very pleasing, and the prospects are truly cheering.

In conclusion, I would simply remark, I hope your body will adopt some plan of missionary operation by which the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom may be promoted, among the Churches of which it is composed.

And permit me now, dear Brethren, to tender you my grateful acknowledgments for the honor and privilege of serving you as your Missionary. And may the King of Saints guide you to the adoption of such means and measures as he shall be pleased to bless to the advancement of his kingdom on earth. Yours in the Gospel.

WM. AYERS, *Missionary.*

*ACCOUNT of Contributions.*

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| Spring Branch, | $17 50 | Beaver Dam, Columbus, | 11 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 11 00 | Ashpole, | 5 00 |
| Iron Hill Cross Roads, | 14 60 | Ebenezer, | 3 75 |

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| Hickory Grove, | 1 80 | Simpson's Creek, | 4 00 |
| Lebanon, | 2 37 | Big Branch, | 2 40 |
| Mount Eliam, | 3 40 | Mount Zion, | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 5 35 | Honey Camp, | 5 35 |
| Burnt Islands, | 6 55 | Bear Swamp, | 11 85 |
| Prong Hill, | 1 50 | Sharon, | 1 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 2 60 | Saw Mill, | 1 00 |
| Shaloate, | 6 00 | Pleasant Grove, | 5 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | 1 45 | | |
| | | | $125 97 |

## *REPORT of Committee of Finance.*

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| The Association due Jas. McDaniel for the last year, | $4 87¾ |
| Received from the Churches this year for Associational Fund, | 65 00 |
| For Foreign Missions, | 1 50 |
| For Home Missions, | 9 25 |
| Collection on Sabbath, | 16 05 |
| Paid out $3 of the Home Mission Fund to Wm. Ayers, | $3 00 |
| Paid Wm. Ayers out of the Associational Fund, | 8 17 |

A. B. STEPHENS, *Chairman.*

NOTE.—The brethren will see that after deducting the $4 87¾ which was due the Clerk for the past year, and also the $8 17 paid to Wm. Ayers out of the Associational Fund, that there remains to meet the expenses of the Association the present year $51 96.

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## *AN ABSTRACT of the state of Religion in the Cape Fear Association.*

Several of the Churches have, the past year, taken down their harps, which had long been hung upon the willows, and tuned them to the song "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." In bringing about this happy change, we have satisfactory reason to believe that our itinerant preacher was highly instrumental. God has thus given the Association the happiest evidence that he approves this step that they have taken. The same itinerant is appointed for the present year. But for this appointment, many of the Churches would be almost, if not entirely, without preaching, especially of our order. There are only about 12 preachers in the Association, and some of those have but very recently entered the Ministry, while there are 33 Churches. Many of the Churches have not preaching more than once a month, and therefore, it is not at all marvellous that they should increase so slowly. And when they return no increase to the Association, it ought to remind us of the Saviour's charge to his disciples, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth more labourers."

The stranger, on casting his eye upon the Table of Returns, as exhibited in these Minutes, and observing the scattering contributions to the benevolent institutions of the day, would be ready to consider the interest in these things as dying in this Association. But, it should be remembered that several of the Churches, instead of sending up their contributions to these institutions through the Association, have sent them up through other mediums. So that notwithstanding the contributions to Missionary operations appear to be smaller in the Association this year than heretofore, yet there is more, considerably more, it is believed, contributed by the Association this year than has hitherto been done.

It will be seen by reference to the Report of the Committee on Temperance, that it is gaining ground in the Association. There is one department of benevolent operation, in which it is apprehended the Association is nearly stationary,—it is that of Sabbath School instruction. Yet several of the Churches have flourishing Sabbath Schools. Many more brethren have subscribed for Religious Periodicals this year, than at any prior period since the organization of the Association. This augurs favourably. A relish for Religious reading is a kind of thermometer, which itself declares the state of Religion in a Church or Association.

The Ministry in the Churches is as follows:—Ashpole, Honey Camp, Porter Swamp, Spring Branch and Beaver Dam, supplied by *Wm. Ayers;* Big Branch and Ebenezer, supplied by *D. Hays;* Beaver Dam and Cape Fear, supplied by *D. Thames;* Union, by *J. McDaniel;* Whitesville, Burnt Islands, Eliam and Pleasant Plains, by *D. Lennon;* Hickory Grove, by *E. Davis;* New Britain, Mill Creek and Shaloate, by *A. Robbins;* Saw Mill and Bear Swamp, by *J. Rogers;* Lebanon and Saddle Tree, by *T. G. Rogers;* Sharon and Simpson's Creek, by *A. King;* Seven Creeks, by *S. Dusenberry;* Mount Pleasant, by *R. McNabb;* Good Hope, Iron Hill Cross Roads and Buck Creek, by *J. Lee;* Pleasant Grove, by *T. G. Rogers, Nolen* and *Ayers;* Mount Zion, by *Ayers*, and others.

Some of the above named Ministers preach to Congregations and Churches out of the bounds of the Cape Fear Association, as well as to those here mentioned.

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## *CIRCULAR LETTER, by J. Smith.*

*The Cape Fear Baptist Association to the several Churches she embraces, sends Greeting:*

Dear Brethren,

The subject of our present Letter is to call your attention to inquire into the cause, or causes, of the present cold state of Religion throughout the Churches. And Oh! that each one may, with prayerful earnestness, make the jealous inquiry, "Lord, is it I?" It is evident to the most casual observer, that there is now, and has been for a length of time, an uncommon degree of icy coldness hanging like mountains upon the hearts and consciences of professors of Religion. This is a sore affliction, and it is certain that the Lord is too good and merciful to afflict his people without a cause. What then, let us proceed to inquire, is the cause that the Lord has withdrawn his spirit in so great a degree from us, and left us to the imaginations of our own hearts, which are 'deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked?' Can it be that the love of the world and the deceitfulness of riches have drawn our hearts from the love and service of God, our Maker and Redeemer? Can it be that the follies and vanities of the age, in times of prosperity, have led us away from the performance of those duties and obligations which devolve upon us as rational and intelligent creatures, dependent upon God as the author of our existence, as the giver of every good and perfect gift, from whom we derive every blessing that we enjoy, either spiritual or temporal, and, above all, as the great author and finisher of the glorious plan of salvation?

It is awfully to be feared that these are some of the causes by which we have brought ourselves into this unhappy condition. Again, the hitherto unparalleled and ruinous haste to be rich and get gain, that has pervaded our country from one extremity to the other, has not been confined to the men of the world exclusively, but has invaded the Church of God to a fearful extent, which, it is to be feared, has caused professing Christians to neglect those important duties which are enjoined upon them by the holy law of God, or laid down in the Scriptures of truth, to wit: those great commandments *to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and our neighbour as ourselves, and to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us.* This unholy desire to increase in riches, and to add acre to acre, not having the advancement of God's glory and the good of souls for its object, has caused many of us to withhold from the Treasury of the Lord that for which we were justly its debtor, and to neglect to contribute of the abundance which the Lord has given us as his stewards, to the wants and necessities of others; to the sending forth of the glad tidings of salvation to the destitute portions of the earth; to the various means which he has appointed for the advancement of his own glory, in the conversion of the world; and especially to the competent support of his faithful Ministers, which we are constrained to believe is done by our Churches to a fearful extent, and for which the Lord will not hold us guiltless that do them, but will punish such of his people with afflictions of various kinds, and particularly by withholding from them the comforting influences of his Holy Spirit, for the purpose of constraining them to submit to his will and government, and to walk in the straight and narrow path of rectitude and virtue.—"As many as I love I rebuke and chasten." "Be zealous therefore and repent."—Rev. 3d chap., 19th v. This last mentioned cause of declension, viz: the neglect of the support of the Ministry, it is to be apprehended, has not received that serious consideration of professors which it demands. Certain it is that the neglect of the Ministerial support is one of the prevalent and crying sins of the Church in general. It is a sin of much greater magnitude than seems to be generally imagined. If it be asked how it is known to be a sin, the reply is, because it is a violation of the explicit instruction and command of God. He has said that *the Ox which treadeth out the corn shall not be muzzled—that they who minister at the altar, shall live of the altar—that the labourer is worthy of his hire—that if they have sown unto you spiritual things, ye ought to have sown unto them carnal things.* And to withhold from the priests their portion, was, under the law, a sin of great magnitude, and provocation in the sight of God; and for which he sent upon the guilty most awful temporal judgments. It was this that shut Heaven at a certain time that a most awful famine prevailed. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me; but ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the store houses, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3d chap., 8th, 9th and 10th verses. Now since God has made Ministerial support a subject of such explicit instruction and command, it must be supposed that the neglect of it is a sin of great magnitude. Then let each professor ask himself the question, whether he has discharged this duty as he ought—whether he has given as liberally to the support of the Ministry as he might—whether he has not been guilty of keeping back part of the price.

Brethren, this is a subject of serious importance, and therefore, we thus insist upon it. It is one too generally overlooked, and too lightly regarded, and therefore we press it the more, and hope that it will be considered. Why are there so many destitute Churches? Why is there so little preaching? It may be traced to a neglect of ministerial support. Is it then to be wondered at, that a state of coldness prevails among us? The preaching of the Gospel is the great means ordained of God for the edification of Christians and the conversion of sinners. And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how are they to preach except they be sent? Let it be remembered then, that the ministry must be adequately supported, and then may we look for better times, and a happier state of things.

Again, the people of God do, in many instances, resist the influences of the Holy Spirit, and refuse to hold that intercourse and communion with God which he has been pleased to offer unto them, by neglecting the duty and privilege of prayer, either in our social meetings, in our families, or in our closets. Hear the word of the Lord, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in unto him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3d chap. 20 verse.—And, therefore, Brethren the fault is ours that we do not daily hold that sweet communion with God which he has graciously offered unto us. And now may the love of God, the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you, and all the true worshippers of God forever and ever. Amen.

SAM'L MIMS, *Moderator*.

JAS. McDANIEL, *Clerk*.

## *CORRESPONDING LETTER—By James S. Mims.*

*The Cape Fear to the Welsh Neck, Goshen, and Pee Dee Associations:*

BELOVED BRETHREN:

Through the goodness of our Heavenly Father, we are again permitted to assemble ourselves together, as an Association; and to address to you a letter of brotherly correspondence; and we feel it to be our duty to record our hearty thanks to God for the blessings which we enjoy. Our state is much better at present than it was in by-gone days. Time was, when contention, strife, and variance among brethren embittered our annual meetings, but now, love, harmony, brotherly-kindness and unanimity prevail and abound among us. For three years past, our annual sessions have been characterized by those influences of God's Spirit which have caused the most pleasant results to ensue.

In view of the lamentable destitution of ministerial labours, in a large proportion of our Churches, we deemed it important and expedient to appoint and sustain a Missionary within our precincts, who should be employed the whole of his time in supplying our Churches with preaching; and we are happy and thankful, that we can inform you, that our most sanguine expectations have been more than realized. Many have been converted, we hope, through his instrumentality. And we learn, with pleasure, that, during the last year, he has baptized one hundred and two; and we rejoice in the belief that the seed which has been thus sown will prove still more fruitful in days to come. Among our Churches generally, there appears to be a pleasant season.

Our Ministers are, generally, hearty in the Temperance reformation, and the cause is, on the whole, gaining ground among our brethren.

We are favorable towards the various departments of benevolent exertions for the melioration of the spiritual condition of the world.

We are glad to see with us, Elders McKay, Rogers and Allen, Messengers from the Welsh Neck, and Elder Robert McNabb from the Goshen Associations, all of whom we cordially welcome to a seat with us.

We delegate to the Welsh Neck, Elders D. Hays and James S. Mims; to the Goshen, Brethren Robert Melvin and James S. Mims; and to the Pee Dee, Elders Abel King and Elias Davis.

We request a continuance of your correspondence. Our next session will be held with the Bear Swamp Church, Marion District, South Carolina, to commence on Friday before the 2d Lord's Day in October, 1838.

May the God of grace guide you into all truth, sanctify you, and grant you wisdom from above, that you may adopt such measures as he will own and bless, to his own glory, is our prayer for Christ's sake. Amen.

SAM'L MIMS, *Moderator.*

JAS. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AT

**BEAR SWAMP,**

***Marion District, S. C.***

OCTOBER 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th,

**1838.**

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# MINUTES.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1838.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. A. King, from Revelation, 19th chapter, 10th verse: "Worship God."

2. The Association was called into session by the Moderator, and Rev. T. Mason, at request, opened the session by devotional exercises.

3. Appointed Brethren C. McAllister, J. Pitman and M. Watson, a Committee of Finance.

4. Called for and read the Church Letters, and enrolled the names of the Delegates.

5. Received three newly constituted Churches into union with the Association, viz: MOUNT TABOR, in *Columbus County;* BEULAH, in *Brunswick County*, and FAYETTEVILLE, in *Cumberland County*.

6. Proceeded to elect officers;—the following were elected: Samuel Mims, Moderator; Jas. McDaniel, Clerk; and Jas. S. Mims, Assistant Clerk.

7. Appointed C. McAllister, J. Pitman, and M. Watson a Committee to select Preachers for the stage during the session of the Association.

8. Invited Corresponding and Visiting Brethren to seats, whereupon Chas. Reavs, S. T. Collins, T. G. Rogers, J. Colman, M. Strickland, J. Allen and Doct. Hodges, of the Welsh Neck Association; David Rogers, of the Goshen Association, and T. Mason, accepted the invitation.

9. Appointed the following Committees: On Temperance—C. McAllister, C. Reaves, and A. King; On intelligence concerning Foreign Missions—T. Mason, J. S. Mims, and J. McDaniel; On Sabbath Schools—W. Ayers, S. Dusenberry, and A. B. Stevens; On the Ministry—D. Hays, J. Mills, and B. Freeman; On the patronage of Religious Periodicals in this Association—A. King, D. Thames, and J. Ford; On Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations—J. S. Mims, R. Ward, and J. Pitman.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by D. Hays.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by S. Dusenberry.

10. Appointed A. B. Stevens to prepare a Letter of Correspondence to be appended to these Minutes.

11. Committee on the Ministry reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

12. Committee on Temperance reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

13. Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

14. Committee on the patronage of Religious Periodicals in this Association reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

15. Called for the Report of the Itinerant in the bounds of this Association. Report was presented, read, and ordered to be printed.

16. Appointed J. Pitman, J. Ford, and J. Beach a Committee on the Itineracy.

On motion, suspended the business of the Association for one hour, to permit the Bible Society to hold their session.

18. Committee on the Itineracy reported. Report accepted and Committee discharged.

19. Appointed J. McDaniel, J. S. Mims, and T. Mason, a Committee of Arrangements.

20. Appointed J. Pitman, E. Carlisle, and M. Watson, a Committee to wait upon W. Ayers to assertain whether he will accept the Itineracy in this Association any longer.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by D. Thames.

## SUNDAY.

The Ministers appointed to the exercises of the day met a very large audience. J. Allen delivered a discourse on Revelation, 6th chapter, 17th verse: "The great day of his wrath is come, nnd who shall be able to stand?" M. Strickland followed, and delivered a discourse on John, 9th chapter, 4th verse: "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." D. Thames next delivered the Missionary Sermon, on Romans, 10th chapter, 14th and 15th verses: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a Preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" At the close of the discourse, the Clerk rose and remarked to the congregation that a very solemn and important act was pending. He would remind them that it was not the Minister that asked their contributions;—*he* was only the *bearer* of the appeal;—it was God who asked, and it was written, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." He then asked, if there were not five persons in the congregation who would lend the Lord $5 each, and take this note which he offers—this note upon the Lord? Immediately the following gentlemen successively rose—

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| Doct. S. Hodges, - - - - | $5 |
| Col. C. McAllister, - - - - | 5 |
| John Hays, - - - - - | 5 |
| Daniel Stanaland, - - - - | 5 |
| Rev. W. Ayers, - - - - | 5 |

He then requested the persons appointed to wait upon the congregation, to proceed and take up the collection from the congregation, and by far the largest collection was taken up that has ever been taken up in this Association.

The congregation was then dismissed for half an hour, after which J. McDaniel delivered a discourse on Ezekiel, 47th chapter, 8th verse: "These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea; which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed." At the close of the discourse, he invited those who were determined from that time forth, through the help of God, to attend to the interests of their souls, and who wished to engage the prayers of the

Christians present, to come forward before the stage. Very many came, and from the apparent feeling in the congregation, the hope is entertained that much good will result from the meeting.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother J. Rogers.

21. Committee on Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

22. Appointed Delegates to the following Associations:—To the *Goshen*, H. Woodward and J. Rogers; To the *Peedee*, W. Ayers, D. Hays, and A. B. Stephens; To the *Welsh Neck*, D. Hays, A. B. Stevens, and J. Rogers.

23. Committee on intelligence concerning the Foreign Mission department, reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

24. Ordered, that an Abstract of the State of Religion in this Association be appended to these Minutes.

25. Agreed that the next session of this Association be at the Pleasant Grove Church, Robeson county, N. C., on Friday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1839. Appointed D. Thames to preach the Introductory Sermon. J. Rogers his alternate. Service to commence at 12 o'clock.

A Missionary Sermon to be preached on Sabbath at the next session of this Association, by T. Mason.

26. Agreed to have 700 copies of these Minutes printed, and left in parcels proportionate to the number of each Church, at the *Observer Office*, Fayetteville.

27. Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was presented, read, and adopted.

28. Committee of Finance reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

29. Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

30. Appointed W. Ayers to Itinerate for this Association 187 days, and to have one dollar per day for his services.

31. Appointed brethren J. McDaniel, D. Thames, A. B. Stephens, J. S. Mims, and Samuel Mims, Delegates to the State Convention, to sit at Brown's Meeting House, Sampson County, N. C.

32. Ordered, that the funds for Missionary purposes be paid into the hands of S. Mims, to be carried to said Convention.

33. Appointed brethren T. Mason, J. S. Mims, and J. McDaniel, a Committee to draw up a Constitution for a Board of Managers to take the management of the Itinerary in this Association, and to present said Constitution at the next session of the Association.

34. Voted that the thanks of this body be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the hospitable entertainment given the Association during this session.

Adjourned to time and place above specified. Concluding exercises by J. McDaniel.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

JAS. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | *Rec'd by Baptism.* | *Received by Letter.* | *Restored.* | *Dismissed.* | *Excluded.* | *Dead.* | *Total.* | *A. F.* | *F. M. F.* | *H. M. F.* |
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| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | $ cts | $ cts | $ cts |
| Ashpole, | Jesse Pitman, Jr., *A. B. Stephens,* | 7 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | | 163 | 4 00 | | |
| Big Branch, | | | | | | | | 87 | | | |
| Saddle Tree, | Elias Carlisle, | | | 2 | | 1 | | 21 | 75 | 1 00 | 2 00 |
| Burnt Islands, | Moses Mears, | 3 | | | | | 1 | 57 | 1 50 | | |
| Lebanon, | Benjamin Freeman, Henry Goodman, | 5 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 65 | 1 46 | | |
| Pleasant Grove, | John Williams, Cornelius Jinkins, | | 2 | | 7 | 1 | | 32 | 2 00 | | |
| Ebenezer, | *Hezekiah Woodward,* Nicholas Pitman, D. Hays, | | 3 | | | 3 | 1 | 40 | 1 00 | | |
| Mount Eliam, | Thomas Britt, Elias Stone, Elijah Ivey, | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | 61 | 1 50 | | |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | David Thames, | 1 | | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 117 | 2 50 | | |
| Hickory Grove, | Allen Edwards, | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | | 46 | 1 00 | | |
| *Columbus County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | George L. Brown, | 6 | | | 3 | 4 | 7 | 133 | 3 00 | | |
| Seven Creeks, | *Samuel Dusenberry,* | 11 | | | | | | 32 | 1 50 | | |
| Mount Zion, | James Baldwin, | | | | | | 1 | 15 | 50 | | |
| Beaver Dam, | | | | | | | | 83 | | | |
| Porter Swamp, | Wm. Ayers, | 7 | | | | | | 100 | 3 00 | 1 00 | |
| Pleasant Plains, | Hardy Hill, Robert Ward, | 5 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | 55 | 2 00 | | |
| Iron Hill ✕ Roads, | John Mills, Wm. D. Gore, | 16 | 1 | | 21 | | 3 | 72 | 2 00 | | |
| Whiteville, | | | | | | | | 15 | | | |
| Mount Tabor, | Elijah Phillips, Andrew Mills, | 14 | 1 | | | | | 32 | 1 50 | | |
| *Brunswick County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Samuel S. Mints, | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | 40 | 1 50 | | |
| New Britain, | James Beach, Henry Gore, | 35 | | 1 | 11 | 2 | | 107 | 3 35 | | |
| Shaloate, | Wm. Mints, | 14 | 2 | | 21 | | | 34 | 1 50 | | |
| Beulah, | Daniel Stanaland, Samuel T. Stanaland, | 28 | | | | | | 46 | 2 00 | | |

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| *Cumberland County.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | Chas. McAllister, | 4 | | 2 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 183 | 2 50 | |
| Fayetteville, | Sam'l Mims, *J. S. Mims*, J. McDANIEL, | 21 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 160 | 4 00 | 5 00 |
| *Marion District, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | Michael Watson, Noel Bullock, | 10 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 106 | 2 00 | |
| Saw Mill, | *David Hartsfield*, Jesse Ford, | | | | 4 | 1 | | 43 | 1 00 | |
| *Horry District, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | *John F. McCall*, Reuben Jolly, | 18 | | | 3 | 2 | | 50 | 1 00 | |
| Good Hope, | Wm. Hardee, | 2 | | | 2 | | | 44 | 1 00 | |
| Spring Branch, | Henry Enzor, John Grainger, | 27 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | 102 | 3 00 | |
| Salem, | Luther Allen, | 6 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 36 | 1 19 | |
| Buck Creek, | | | | | | | | 22 | | |
| Sharon, | John Carter, ABEL KING, | 14 | | | | | | 46 | 1 50 | |
| Simpson's Creek, | | | | | | | | 21 | | |

In — 1838 258 Baptised

Excluded — 32
2 26

## *REPORT of Financial Committee.*

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| Remaining in Treasury last year, | | $51 96 |
| To printing Minutes last year, | $25 00 | |
| Clerk's fee, | 15 00 | |
| | | 40 00 |
| Remaining in Treasury, | | $11 96 |
| Sent up by the Churches this year for Association Fund, | | 55 20 |
| This year for Association Fund, | | $67 16 |

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| For Foreign Missions, | $7 00 |
| For Home Missions, | $2 90 |
| For Corresponding Messengers, | $3 50 |
| Collection on Sabbath for Foreign Missions, | $50 30 |

CHAS. McALLISTER, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on the extent to which Religious Periodicals are patronized in this Association.*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the duty of reporting concerning the extent of patronage given to Religious Periodicals in this Association, have attended to the subject, and from the best information they can obtain, the Biblical Recorder is taken to a considerable extent, and the Baptist Missionary Magazine is taken to a small extent. Your Committee would rejoice to see these two periodicals far more extensively taken in the Association.

ABEL KING, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Sunday Schools.*

Your Committee on Sunday Schools, after having collected the information practicable at present, beg leave to report, that they think the cause to be progressing. There are five Schools in the Association, and eight Libraries. A part of these Schools is in a flourishing condition—the rest are stationary. The Libraries consist of the *Union* Sunday School books. Your committee think the New England Baptist Sunday School Books, to be far preferable, and would respectfully annex to this report a resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Churches in this Association be recommended to form Sunday Schools, and to furnish those Schools with the *New England Baptist Sunday School Books.*

W. AYERS, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Temperance.*

Your Committee, to whom was referred to report concerning the Temperance interest in the Association, have attended to the duty assigned them, and find only 6 Churches in the bounds of the Association that have Temperance Societies—one at Lebanon, in a prosperous state; one at Ashpole, stationary; one at Beaver Dam, stationary; one at Fair Bluff, ditto; one at Bear Swamp, ditto; one at Spring Branch, ditto. We find that all the Ministers are hearty in the cause. Your committee would beg leave to submit the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Churches of this Association be recommended to form Temperance Societies in them.

CHAS. McALLISTER, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Ministry.*

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | LICENTIATES. | SUPPLY. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | | A. B. Stephens. | W. Ayers. |
| Big Branch, | D. Hays. | | |
| Saddle Tree, | | | T. G. Rogers. |
| Burnt Islands, | | | D. Lennon. |
| Lebanon, | | | P. C. Conoly. |
| Pleasant Grove, | | | D. Lennon. |
| Ebenezer, | | H. Woodward. | |
| Mount Eliam, | | | D. Lennon. |
| Beaver Dam, | D. Thames. | | |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis. | | |
| Cross Roads, | D. Lennon. | | |
| Seven Creeks, | | S. Dusenberry. | J. Lee. |
| Mount Zion, | | | D Lennon. |
| Beaver Dam, | | | W. Ayers. |
| Porter Swamp, | | | W. Ayers. |
| Pleasant Plains, | | Joel Hill. | |
| Iron Hill ✕ Roads, | | | John Lee. |
| Whiteville, | | | |
| Mount Tabor, | | | |
| Mill Creek, | A. Robbins. | | |
| New Britain, | | Benjamin Ward. | A. King. |
| Shaloate, | | | A. King. |
| Beulah, | | | A. King. |
| Cape Fear, | | | D. Lennon. |
| Fayetteville, | J. McDaniel.<br>T. Mason, (resident.) | J. S. Mims. | |
| Bear Swamp, | J. Rogers. | | |
| Saw Mill, | | D. Hartsfield. | |
| Honey Camp, | | J. McCall. | |
| Good Hope, | John Lee. | Calvin Allen. | |
| Spring Branch, | W. Ayers. | | |
| Salem, | | | J. Woodward. |
| Buck Creek, | | | J. Lee. |
| Sharon, | A. King. | | |
| Simpson's Creek, | | | J. Lee. |

Respectfully submitted.

D. HAYS, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of the Committee on Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations.*

The Committee on Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations, report:

That they have not been furnished with the Minutes of the Goshen and Pee Dee Associations. We have the pleasure, however, of seeing brother David Rogers, Messenger from the former, whom we have welcomed to a seat in our deliberations. We are unable to communicate any thing of a special nature, relative to the state of religion in this (the Goshen) Association. We can only say, generally, that many of these Churches seem to be in a lukewarm condition.

It is true that there are some brethren of this body who are enlisted in forwarding the cause of God (instrumentally,) by a hearty co-operation in the various efforts put forth by the benevolent for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; for which purpose they have formed themselves into a Missionary Society;—but as an *Association*, their light does not "shine" by *doing* any thing for the dissemination of Gospel light and the promotion of evangelical piety in the world. We have too much cause to fear, that it is true of this Association, *as such*, that "*they come not* up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

It is with pleasure that we welcome to a seat with us, the Messengers of the Welsh Neck Association, to wit:—Brethren Reaves, Collins, T. G. Rogers, Coleman, Strickland, Allen, and Dr. Hodges, through whom we have received the Minutes of the last session of their Association. The state of religion in the Churches of this Association is very interesting. Their last session was succeeded by a revival in the Welsh Neck Church, with which it was held. And since that time several of the Churches have experienced gracious outpourings of the Spirit, resulting in large additions to their number by baptism. This is an efficient body. It embraces 32 Churches; their number of Ministers is 16; and 216 were baptized during the year ending with their last session. The cause of benevolence finds, in this Association, a friend. Besides doing much for the interests of religion abroad by contributing liberally to Foreign Missions, the Bible cause &c., Sabbath Schools and Temperance Societies are sustained in most, if not all, of the Churches; and they employ several Missionaries whose time is occupied in supplying the destitute of their own bounds with ministerial labour. This Association voted at its last session to employ an Agent with a salary of $500, whose business is to visit all the Churches to preach the gospel and collect funds for Missionary purposes.

Your committee deem it due to the W. N. Association to correct a typographical error which occurred in a similar report to this in our last Minutes. It is there said that $800 was furnished to the Bible cause since the formation of the American and Foreign Bible Society. It should have read "*The members of the Association* at their last session subscribed and paid $800 to the Bible cause.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. MIMS, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Missionary Committee.*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Foreign Mission, offer the following REPORT:

The Board have Missionary establishments connected with 12 *Indian* tribes, at 15 Stations, exclusive of out-Stations, occupied by 34 Missionaries and Assistants, of whom 12 are Preachers, together with 7 native Preachers and 2 native Assistants, embracing 8 Churches—containing in all, about 592 members, of whom 125 were *baptised the past year.*

In FRANCE, one Mission, 6 *Churches,* 4 Missionaries, and 5 native Preachers.

In GERMANY, one Mission, 3 Churches, 2 native Missionaries, and some Assistants. The *Churches* contain about 72 members.

In GREECE, one Mission, and 4 Missionaries. They have been very successful in establishing week day and Sabbath Schools.

In AFRICA, two Stations, 5 Missionaries, one is a School Teacher.

In BURMAH, one Mission, 19 Missionaries, 11 native Preachers, 29 native Assistants. But the precise number of *Churches* and members, we are not prepared to say. Brother Judson reports 54 *baptised,* for the year ending December 1836, of whom 9 were Burmans, 29 Karens, and 16 Foreigners; 8 were added to the *Burman Church* by *baptism,* the following half year, and 2 in August to the *English Church;* making a total of 64.

There is among the KARENS, one Mission, 13 out-Stations, 13 Missionaries, 18 native Preachers, and some native School Teachers. There are 8 *Churches* belonging to this Mission. The number of Karens added to the Rangoon Karen Church, from October 1, 1836, to June 1837, including three baptised by brother Webb, was 180, and the aggregate of the Rangoon and Maulmein Karen Station, for the same period, was 244. 51 had been previously baptised at Rangoon, since February 1834, of whom brother Webb remarked, "without an exception, so far as we can learn, they all appear well."

There are in SIAM 4 Missionaries. They select portions of the Bible, print them in the form of *Tracts,* and give them to those who apply for them. Brother Jones says, under date of February 24, 1837, that he has been accustomed to take one thousand pages of the Tracts with him in his excursions, and in no case have I brought any home.

Among the CHINESE there is one Mission, four Missionaries, one native assistant, and one Church.

In ARRACAN, one Mission, two Missionaries, three native Assistants.—A *Church* was constituted 21st of May, consisting of the Missionaries, native Assistants, and the wife of Koung Oung.

In SOUTHERN INDIA, among the Teloogoos, one Mission, two Missionaries. The Board have but one Missionary Family among five million Teloogoos, along a coast of at least six hundred miles, to say nothing of the population in the interior, and the territories of the Nizam. Besides, there are probably not less than 300 towns which might be occupied as Missionary Stations, besides a still larger number of populous villages in which Assistants might be located. The influence of the Schools taught by sister Day, has caused some to come 30 or 40 miles to inquire about the new Religion. The whole Bible has been translated, and is in course of revision. The New Testament, Genesis, and part of Exodus have been printed; also, from 25 to 30 Religious Tracts.

In ASAM, one Mission, five Missionaries. The Missionaries will connect with this the Shyan tribe of Khamtis. The languages of both these tribes brother Brown has reduced to the system of Romanizing adopted in other East Indian dialects, and in conformity with the same, has began the preparation of Books and Tracts. The Board continue to cherish an unabated interest in the *Shyan* Mission. Its relative position in respect to other Missions, and to Thibet and China, as well as its own intrinsic claims, forbid the withdrawal or diversion of a particle of the zeal which has been awakened on its behalf.

## RECAPITULATION.

The number of Missions under the direction of the Board is 23; Stations, including 32 Out Stations, 69. Missionaries from this country,—of whom 40 are Preachers, 4 Preachers and Printers, and 2 Printers, (51 males and 47 females,)—98. Native Missionaries and Assistants, exclusive of the Printing Department, of whom 38 are Preachers, 69. Churches, 38. Church Members, (about) 1650. Baptisms the past year 582. Schools reported 50. Printing Presses, (of which five went out the last year) 15.

One Mission has been suspended: 9 Missionaries and Assistants, from sickness or other causes, have retired from the service: 8 have died; and 2 native Assistants have been discharged.

Since the last triennial meeting, Missionary operations have been commenced among the Omahoes, Ottawas, West of the Mississippi, in Greece, and in Arracan, and among the Teloogoos, and the Shyans.

Fifty-three Missionaries have been sent forth, (28 Males and 25 Females,) of whom twenty-three were Preachers; and fifteen native Preachers and Assistants, besides Burmans and Karens. Twenty new Churches have been organized, and more than eleven hundred individuals, professing faith in Christ, have been baptised. Three additional printing establishments have been furnished; and books have been published and circulated in fifteen languages of the heathen.

*Wants of the Board.*—The Missions to *Siam*, the *Chinese*, the *Teloogoos*, and to several *Indian Tribes*—not to mention others that have requested aid—are in *urgent* need of an immediate reinforcement of Missionaries. Several candidates for Missionary Service have been approved by the Board, and if adequate funds were provided, would be sent forth to their work before the close of the current year. Requests have also been made for four additional printing establishments. The Board have not the *means* to meet these claims. *Their funds are exhausted.* If not replenished IMMEDIATELY, they will be constrained to consult, not for the *enlargement* of the Missions, but for the least disastrous method of their *reduction.* The inquiry must be, *what* Press shall be stopped? *what* Station shall be abandoned? *what* Missions shall be closed? *what* Missionaries shall be called home? The GOD of Missions, the GREAT HEAD of the Church, who laid down his life for his people, graciously interpose, and give to all our Churches a large measure of his Spirit, and constrain them, by his love, to *give* even as they have *received.*

T. MASON, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of W. Ayers, Itinerant of the Association.*

Beloved Brethren:—At your last session you requested me to itinerate as a Minister within the bounds of this Association, to which I consented. I now give an account of my labors performed in accordance with that request. Soon after the adjournment of the Association, I commenced my tour of preaching among the Churches in Robeson, Columbus, Brunswick, and Horry District, South Carolina. I have also visited one Church in Bladen, and attended two in Marion District, South Carolina. During the first part of the year little was done, owing to the coldness of the weather. Since the opening of Spring, pleasing success has appeared to attend my labors. My meetings have generally been well attended, and the manifestations of the Divine Presence have frequently been witnessed in the congregations. Sinners have been pierced to the heart, mourners comforted, and believers, as I trust, established. I have assisted in constituting two new Churches—one in Brunswick, called Beulah, the other in Columbus, called Mount Tabor. There is also one other in readiness to be constituted. The Churches are in general in a prosperous state.

I have travelled 248 days, preached 254 Sermons, and baptized 177 persons. I have received from Churches, congregations and individuals, as will be seen by the account accompanying this report, $120 09½.

In conclusion, permit me to say that I conceive that the present prospects of my field of labor, call loudly on your body for some systematic and energetic mode of operation for diffusion of *divine truth* among the Churches and congregations which I have visited. And now, dear Brethren, with your permission, I tender you my grateful acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon me by your request; and may the Great Head of the Church preside over your deliberations, and guide you to the adoption of such means and measures as he will bless, for the promotion of the interests of his kingdom on earth.

Yours in the Gospel,
WILLIAM AYERS.

### *ACCOUNT of Contributions.*

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| Spring Branch, | $25 00 | Cross Roads, | 1 50 |
| New Britain, | 12 00 | Mount Eliam, | 1 87½ |
| Beulah, | 10 00 | Ebenezer, | 2 00 |
| Ash Pole, | 10 00 | Lebanon, | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 7 50 | Seven Creeks, | 3 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | 9 00 | Iron Hill, | 4 50 |
| Bear Swamp, | 7 00 | Sharon, | 3 22 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 5 50 | Shaloate, | 1 25 |
| Beaver Dam, | 4 00 | Burnt Islands, | 1 75 |
| Honey Camp, | 3 50 | Simpson's Creek, | 2 00 |
| Lockwood's Folly, | 3 50 | | |
| | | | $23 09½ |
| | $97 00 | | 97 00 |
| | | | $120 09½ |

## *CORRESPONDING LETTER, by A. B. Stephens.*

*The Cape Fear to the Welsh Neck, Goshen and Pee Dee Associations:*

Beloved Brethren:

Through the mercy of our Heavenly Father, we are again permitted to assemble ourselves together as an Association, and to address to you a letter of brotherly love and correspondence; and we feel it to be our duty to record our hearty thanks to God for the blessings we enjoy. Our condition and standing at this time is much better than it was a few years ago, when we had much contention and variance of opinion among the brethren in our annual meetings; in the place of which we now have brotherly love, peace, harmony and kindness abounding among the brethren. For the last few years past, our annual sessions have been such that we are compelled to say that the influences of God's holy Spirit have accompanied them, which have ultimately caused the most pleasant results to follow. In viewing the lamentable destitution of Ministerial labours in a large proportion of our Churches, we deemed it an important and an expedient matter to appoint and sustain a Missionary within our precincts, who should be employed the whole of his time in supplying our Churches with preaching; and we are happy to say, and thankful to God that we can inform you, that our most sanguine expectations have been more than realized.

Many have been turned from nature's darkness to the marvellous light of that Gospel that alone is capable of bringing life and immortality to light, we hope, through his instrumentality, by the grace of God. And we learn with pleasure, that during the last year he has baptized one hundred and seventy-seven persons, and we hope and rejoice in the belief, that the seed which has been thus sown, will prove still more fruitful in days to come, for we see many mourners coming forward to be prayed for, and realize the happy feelings of hearing many tell what the Lord has done for their souls, while we are made to say that it is good for us to be here in the service of our Lord and Master while we see so much pleasantness of season among the Churches.

We delegate to the Goshen Association, H. Woodward and J. Rogers; to the Pee Dee Association, W. Ayers and D. Hays; to the Welsh Neck Association, D. Hays, A. B. Stephens, and J. Rogers.

We solicit a continuance of your correspondence. Our next session will be with the Pleasant Grove Church, Robeson County, on Friday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1839.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

J. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AT

PLEASANT GROVE MEETING-HOUSE,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.

October 11, 12, 13 and 14,

1839.

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1840.

# MINUTES.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1839.

1····The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. Thames, from Titus iii. 8: "*This is a faithful saying, and these things I will, that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works; these things are good and profitable unto men.*"

2····After the lapse of a few minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, S. Mims, and a majority of the churches being represented, business was opened. Prayer by Bro. D. Hays.

3····Appointed Brethren J. Ford, F. D. Breece and J. Plummer, a Committee of Finance.

4····Called for and read the Church Letters, and enrolled the names of Delegates.

5····Received four newly constituted churches into union, viz: SHILOH, in *Bladen County;* MACEDONIA, in *Columbus County;* CHEERFUL HOPE and MOUNT PISGAH, in *Brunswick County*, N. C.

6····Proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Samuel Mims, Moderator; James McDaniel, Clerk; John Smith, Assistant Clerk.

7····Appointod Brethren H. Woodward, N. Martin, J. Thompson, F. D. Breece, J. Plummer and J. Ford, a Committee to select preachers for the stage during this session.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, Saturday morning. Prayer by Bro. Ayers.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

8····Invited corresponding and visiting brethren to a seat; upon which N. Thomas, J. D. Coleman, M. Strickland, H. Cornwell and J. Culpeper, Jr., from the Welch Neck Association, accepted the invitation.

9....Appointed the following Committees:—

*On Foreign Missions.*—D. Thames, E. Carlisle, J. Russ.

*On the Bible Cause.*—D. Hays. * * * * * *

*On Ministerial Location.*—D. Lennon, M. Warwick, W. Ayers.

*On Collection of Items of Intelligence.*—H. Lennon, J. Thompson, H. Bess.

*On the Itineracy.*—A. B. Stephens, D. Coleman, James Hall.

*On the Responsibility of individuals and churches in relation to the patronage of Benevolent objects.*—J. Thompson, F. D. Breece, M. Strickland.

*On Letters and Ministers of corresponding Associations.*—E. Davis, J. Johnson, F. H. Powell.

*On the practicability and expediency of having the history of this Association prepared.*—S. Dusenberry, S. Mims, J. Smith.

*On the matter of the Church Letters, and the state of the Association as thereby indicated.*—J. Smith, J. Ford, J. Plummer.

10....The following Queries were presented, discussed and answered:

1. Which is the highest Ecclesiastical Judicatory recognised in the Scriptures and in the Baptist denomination? ANSWER—The Church.

2. Are all churches upon an equality in point of authority and power; or are some invested with superior authority and power to others? ANSWER—The churches are on an equality in authority and power.

3. By whose judgment shall the decision be made, whether an applicant for church membership shall be received or rejected? ANSWER—By the judgment of the church.

4. Is it consistent for one church to non-fellowship another, except for perseverance in that which is violatory of the Scriptures? ANSWER—It is not.

5. Has one church the authority to take another under dealing, or to institute a trial upon another? ANSWER—No.

6. What steps shall one church take in relation to another who have received a member excluded by them, but whom the sister church are prepared to prove, clearly and fully, to have been unjustly excluded? ANSWER:—Under such circumstances, it is the opinion of this Association, that the church would do well to attend to their own business, and to let that of the other alone, according to

the Apostle's direction, "Study to be quiet and to do your own work."

11····Called for, read the Report of the Itinerant, W. Ayers, and ordered it to be appended to these Minutes.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. Strickland.

## SABBATH.

A very large congregation assembled. D. Hays addressed them from Isaiah i. 18: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

After the lapse of a few minutes, J. McDaniel addressed them from Matthew xiii. 31—32: "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree; so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."

At the conclusion of the discourse, he asked if there were not as many as ten persons present who would give $3 each to the Mission cause. Twelve announced that they would; their names appear below. A general collection then was taken up; and the largest ever taken up in this Association. The names of those who gave as much as $1 each, also appear below.

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| Robert McRachan, | $3 |
| Dennis Lennon, | 3 |
| Moses Hewett, | 3 |
| William Ayers, | 3 |
| Absalom Powell, | 3 |
| Richard Wooten, | 3 |
| Samuel B. Stanaland, | 3 |
| Daniel Stanaland, | 3 |
| Haynes Lennon, | 3 |
| Benjamin Ivey, | 3 |
| Moses Warwick, | 3 |
| Samuel Mims, | 3 |

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| Thomas Ayers, | $1 | William Strickland, | $1 |
| John Russ, | 1 | Mrs. Mary Ayers, | 1 |
| William Powell, | 1 | John Williams, | 1 |
| Hezekiah Robertson, | 1 | Mary Stephens, | 1 |
| A. B. Stephens, | 1 | H. Belk, | 1 |
| S. G. Stanaland | 1 | W. Hickman, | 1 |
| J. G. Gore, | 1 | Joseph Thompson, | 1 |
| J. Johnson, | 1 | H. Woodward, | 1 |
| L. W. Waseat, | 1 | S. Stevens, | 1 |
| R. Braswell, | 1 | A. King, | 1 |

The congregation was then dismissed for twenty minutes: after which they assembled again, and H. Cornwell addressed them from Revelations iii. 20: "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

The services of the day were closed by an exhortation from W. Ayers, and prayer by Bro. Strickland. There was much feeling, and we hope much good will result.

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## MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Thames.

12····The following Query was presented, discussed and answered:—To whom shall an excluded member go for restoration? Answer:—As a general rule, he should go back to the church from which he was excluded; but there are very peculiar cases in which he cannot be required to go back.

Two other Queries were presented, one of which the Association threw out because of its simplicity; the other they considered was fully answered in the Queries of Saturday. It was this: *Who shall decide whether a member ought to be excluded?*

13····Called on the Committees appointed on Saturday, to report—the reports were presented, read, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

14····Appointed Delegates to the following Associations:—To the Goshen: D. Hays, James McDaniel and E. Davis; To the Welsh Neck: D. Hays, A. B. Stephens, W. Ayers and J. Rogers; To the Pee Dee, in 1840, A. King, H. Lennon and J. Rogers.

15····Agreed that the next session of this Association be at Cross Roads, Columbus County, N. C., on Friday before the second Lord's Day in October next. Brother D. Hays to preach the Introductory Sermon. E. Davis his alternate.

Appointed Brother James McDaniel to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath. W. Ayers his alternate.

16····Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

17····Agreed that 800 copies of these Minutes be printed by Bro. W. Potter, of Fayetteville, and left at the store of Boon, Caison & Co.

18····Read, amended and adopted the Constitution prepared for the Domestic Mission Board, and ordered that it be appended to these Minutes.

19····Committee on Finance reported—report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

20····Appointed Brethren James McDaniel, H. Lennon, S. Mims, H. Woodward and John McDaniel, Delegates to the State Convention, at Grassy Creek.

21····Ordered that the Home Mission Fund be paid over to W. Ayers.

22····Ordered that the deficiency of pledges to Bro. Ayers, be paid him out of the Association Fund—viz. $36.

23····Ordered that the money for the Convention be paid over to Bro. S. Mims.

24····Agreed to lay off the bounds of the Association into two circuits.

25 ···Agreed that the line be drawn across the boundary East and West.

26····Appointed the Clerk Treasurer of the Association Fund.

27····Voted that the thanks of this Association be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association during this session.

Adjourned to time and place specified. Valedictory remarks and prayer by James McDaniel.

S. MIMS, *Moderator.*

JAS. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dismis'd by letter. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | A. F. | F. M. F. | H. M. F. |
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| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | $ cts | $ cts | $ cts |
| Ashpole, | Joseph Thompson, A. B. Stephens, H. Lennon, | 31 | 8 | 5 | 29 | 4 | 1 | 173 | 4 50 | | 10 00 |
| Big Branch, | D. Hays, Moses Warwick, | 17 | 2 | | 8 | 3 | 3 | 81 | 1 50 | | 13 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | Elias Carlisle, | | | | | | | 21 | 1 00 | 1 00 | |
| Burnt Islands, | Jacob Freeman, George Warrick, | 12 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 67 | 1 50 | | |
| Lebanon, | Benjamin Freeman, Joseph Roser, | 2 | | | 2 | | | 68 | 1 32 | | |
| Pleasant Grove, | John Williams, Norman Martin, | 12 | | | | 1 | | 41 | 1 60 | | |
| Ebenezer, | William Walters, John Walters, | 14 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 54 | 1 00 | | |
| Mount Eliam, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Jonathan Jones, James Hall, | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 116 | 2 50 | | |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis, | 2 | 1 | | 8 | | 1 | 41 | 85 | | |
| Shiloh, | James Plummer, John Smith, | 2 | | | | | | 51 | 3 00 | | |
| *Columbus County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | D. Lennon, R. Wooten, | 16 | | | 8 | 2 | 1 | 143 | 3 00 | | |
| Seven Creeks, | *Samuel Dusenberry,* | 23 | 1 | | 3 | | | 63 | 2 00 | | |
| Mount Zion, | | 10 | 3 | | | | 2 | 34 | 1 00 | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Seymore Summersett, H. Bess, | 10 | 3 | | 8 | 3 | 2 | 77 | 2 50 | | |
| Porter Swamp, | D. Coleman, John Russ, | 14 | 2 | | 15 | 2 | | 98 | 2 00 | | |
| Pleasant Plains, | Joel Hill, | 17 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | | 62 | 2 00 | | |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads. | William Hickman, F. K. Powel, | 13 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 83 | 3 00 | | |
| Whiteville, | Charles Taylor, George Hooks, | | | | | | | 15 | 50 | | |

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| Mount Tabor, | S. Suggs, R. C. Powel, | 11 | 2 | | | | | 45 | 1 50 | | |
| Macedonia, | George Parker, E. H. Parker, | 21 | | | | | | 48 | 1 60 | | |
| *Brunswick County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | S. S. Mints, Michael Ward, | | | | 12 | | 2 | 26 | 1 50 | | |
| New Britain, | Benjamin Ivey, Joseph Goss, | 26 | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 133 | 3 50 | | |
| Shaloate, | S. Bennett, Benjamin Hickman, | 17 | | | 2 | | 1 | 63 | 1 00 | | |
| Beulah, | W. D. Sellers, S. B Stanaland, | 8 | 5 | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 52 | 1 50 | | |
| Cheerful Hope, | E. Smith, J. Thompson, | 2 | | | | | | 21 | 1 00 | | |
| Mount Pisgah, | M. Hunt, H. Robinson, | 57 | | | 2 | | 1 | 77 | 2 00 | | |
| *Cumberland County.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | David Thames, Nathan Wheeler, | 2 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 4 | | 133 | 2 00 | | |
| Fayetteville, | S. Mims, F. D. Breece, Jas. McDaniel, | 11 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 162 | 3 00 | | |
| *Marion District, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | S. Rogers, Joseph Page, E. B. Ford, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 109 | 2 45 | | |
| Saw Mill, | Jesse Ford, H. Horne, | 1 | | | | 1 | | 43 | 1 50 | | |
| *Horry District, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | A. Blanton, M. Stroud, | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 53 | 1 50 | | |
| Good Hope, | J. Holmes, C. Allen, | 2 | | | | | | 46 | 1 00 | | |
| Spring Branch, | J. Johnson, W. Strickland, | 7 | 1 | | 1 | | | 109 | 3 00 | | 5 00 |
| Salem, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buck Creek, | John Long, Isaac Hardee, | | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 2 00 | | |
| Sharon, | Abel King, Joseph B. Edge, | 11 | | | | 2 | | 54 | 2 00 | 1 00 | |
| Simpson's Creek, | John G. Gore, Mark Reans, | 29 | 29 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 2 00 | | |

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## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL LOCATION.

| *Churches.* | *Pastors.* | *Licentiates.* | *Supply.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | William Ayers. | A. B. Stephens,<br>H. Lennon. | |
| Saddle Tree, | | | |
| Burnt Islands, | | | D. Lennon. |
| Lebanon, | | | |
| Pleasant Grove, | | | H. Woodward. |
| Ebenezer, | H. Woodward. | | |
| Mount Eliam, | | Isham Stone. | D. Lennon. |
| Beaver Dam, | | | |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis. | | |
| Cross Roads, | D. Lennon. | George L. Brown. | |
| Seven Creeks, | | S. Dusenberry. | John Lee. |
| Mount Zion, | | | E. Davis. |
| Beaver Dam, | | | W. Ayers. |
| Porter Swamp, | | | W. Ayers. |
| Pleasant Plains, | Joel Hill. | | |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads, | John Lee. | | |
| Union, | | | D. Lennon. |
| Mount Tabor, | | | J. F. McColl. |
| Mill Creek, | A. Robine. | | |
| New Britain, | | B. Ward,<br>Joel Bennet. | A. King, |
| Shaloate, | | | A. King, |
| Beulah, | | | A. King. |
| Cape Fear, | | | D, Thames. |
| Fayetteville, | J. McDaniel. | James S. Mims,<br>Wm: Potter. | |
| Bear Swamp, | J. Rogers. | | |
| Saw Mill, | | D. Hartsfield. | |
| Honey Camp, | J. F. McColl. | | |
| Good Hope, | James Singleton. | Calvin Allen. | |
| Spring Branch, | | | W. Ayers. |
| Salem, | | | John Woodward, |
| Buck Creek, | J. Lee. | | |
| Sharon, | A. King. | | |
| Simpson's Creek, | | David Cox. | W. Ayers, |
| Cheerful Hope, | | | |
| Mount Pisgah, | | | A. King. |
| Macedonia, | | | H. Woodward. |
| Big Branch, | | Wm. B. Ballard. | |
| Shiloh, | | | Thomas Mason. |

Respectfully submitted.

D. HAYS, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee beg leave to report, that, whereas the circulation of the Bible is indispensably necessary to the salvation of sinners in every part of the world; and for the general distribution of the Bible, we deem it necessary to form societies and institutions within the limits of this Association, in order to promote a wide circulation of the Scriptures, as the word of God tells us to spread the gospel for the salvation of souls. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. HAYS, *Chairman.*

### REPORT OF W. AYERS, ITINERANT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

*Beloved Brethren composing the Cape Fear Association:*

Another year has rolled round, and it becomes my duty to lay before you an account of my labors during the past year. Directly after the Association, I again commenced in the field of labor that I had been in the two last years, confining myself to the churches in Robeson, Columbus, and Brunswick Counties, N. C., and Horry District and two churches in Marion District, S. C.; and during my attendance, my meetings have been well attended, and I have had the pleasure to hear many relate what the Lord had done for them. I have assisted in the constituting of one church in Brunswick County, by the name of Mount Pisgah, and have had the pleasure of establishing a Temperance Society, by the name of the "Brunswick County Temperance Society." This society is in a very prosperous situation, and six of our churches have members of the temperance society belonging to them. The names of the churches are Beulah, Sharon, Shaloate, Mount Pisgah, New Britain, and Seven Creeks; and they hold their annual meetings and semi-annual meetings with the churches who have members belonging to the Society. I have filled the appointment that you gave me at your last Association, (viz. 187 days,) which time I finished in June, and I have received $11 from the following churches, viz. From Cross Roads, $2 60; Burnt Islands, $3; Hickory Grove, $2 90; Mount Zion, $3 40; and seeing the situation of the churches and from the solicitations that I have had from them to preach the Gospel, I have travelled ever since, in all, 269 days, and preached 272 Sermons, and baptised 218 persons. The present state of the churches is the most cheering that I ever saw or ever witnessed in all my services. The Christians are more active in the Redeemer's cause; mourners are crying aloud for mercy, and sinners attend, and give their attention to the Gospel, which is the power of God, unto salvation. In my conclusion, permit me to say, that the Lord has not left us, without a witness of his approbation; and concerning the missionary cause, he has said, go and "I will be with you alway." The benefits that have been received from the benevolence of some of the brethren in this Association, will not be known until the Lord shall say to them on his right hand, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." And now, dear brethren, with your permission, I offer to the churches, one and all, my grateful thanks, for the honor of serving them as their itinerant for the three past years; and may the Lord bless his word until all come to see eye to eye, and pray more, and follow the Lord's commands more faithfully.

Yours in the gospel bonds of love and friendship,

WM. AYERS.

### REPORT ON THE ITINERACY.

Your committee beg leave to say, that we deem it necessary to keep up and sustain the itineracy within the bounds of this Association, from the great and amazing good that the Lord, through the instrumentality of our beloved brother Ayers, has done. Brother A. was employed to ride 187 days, within the bounds of this Association, which time he finished in June; and from the pressing necessity that he saw of more laborers in the vineyard while the fields were then white for harvest, has, since that time, rode 82 days more; and in all his services, preached 272 sermons, and baptised 218 persons, making 41 persons more than were baptised by him last year. And since the Lord has blessed his labors in such a prosperous way, we think that it will be expedient to sustain two itinerant preachers, to ride within the bounds of this Association the succeeding year; and that the Association be divided into two Districts, during its present session, and choose the itinerants for the two Districts, with instructions for each of the itinerants chosen to preach at every church within the District in which he is to ride, once a month; and, at the option of the itinerants, to alternate in their Districts—with the understanding, however, that each District support its itinerate, during the time of service, at the rate of $20 per month.

Dear Brethren, we commend these remarks to your consideration, hoping that you may sustain the missionary cause, at all events within the bounds of this Association. From the good that has been done, we have cause to believe that more may be done, to the salvation of souls and to the glory of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

Yours in Christ,

A. B. STEPHENS, *Chairman.*

### REPORT ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES IN RELATION TO THE PATRONAGE OF BENEVOLENT OBJECTS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that, as all men are stewards of Almighty God, they believe it to be the indispensable duty of all, to contribute, according to their ability, to the support of all the benevolent objects that have the glory of God in view—the neglect of which, would incur the Divine displeasure, as unprofitable servants.

JOSEPH THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

### REPORT ON LETTERS AND MINISTERS OF CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that they find in the Welch Neck Association a very pleasing state of things. They have five missionaries, and one agent for the board, in their bounds; and during the past year, received, by baptism, 374 members. From the Pee Dee and Goshen Associations, they have no intelligence.

E. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of missions, offer the following Report:—

Through the providence of God, the condition of that people of whom it is said, they shall be the Lord's inheritance, are in a great measure made known to the people in Christendom. The hearts of christians under the influence of the Spirit of Christ, have united in different parts of the christian world, for the purpose of devising and executing such plans as they think most likely, under God, to afford salvation to that people who are in darkness and the shadow of death. The Board of Managers in America, and many parts of the world under their patronage, have sent to idolatrous nations such individuals as they believe God has qualified for great usefulness. The object of the Board and missionaries, has been to enlighten a benighted people.—The Board have selected missionaries, and they have gone forth to a considerable extent. They have established printing presses and preaching places, Sabbath and weekly schools and temperance societies. The Scriptures and tracts are abundantly circulated. The happy consequences that have resulted, are almost innumerable. Among the various Indian tribes, religious instruction has had a blessed effect. Numbers of the inhabitants are converted to the religion of the Bible; among them are native preachers and assistants in Sabbath schools, &c. One circumstance we cannot pass unnoticed—that is, the Indian chief, who but a few years back would have delighted in sheathing his dirk, and burying his tomahawk in the body of the white man, is now discovered to manifest a brokenness of heart and contrition of spirit. He is now seen to bow in deep humility before God in imploring the salvation of his nation, and a blessing on those who had been instrumental in his conversion. A similar effect is produced in other heathen lands, viz: in France, Germany, Greece, Africa, Burmah, &c. Including the different nations, we feel ourselves safe in saying that thousands have been converted to God, and hundreds have become useful members of society. Very many are searching for, and receiving the means of instruction; evincing, at the same time, strong indications to know the way of salvation. Your committee regret that they have not at present the means at hand to enable them to give more information on the subject of missions, which, to them, would be truly gratifying. We are, however, truly gratified in receiving the information that recently the inhabitants of not less than fifty villages have thrown aside their idols. A considerable portion of them have received comfort from the means of grace, while others are earnestly seeking salvation. The time has come when we can say, the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. For more full and satisfactory information on the subject of missions, we refer the reader to the Baptist Magazine. Dear brethren, although much has been done, still much more remains to be done. Let the hands of those already at the plough, press forward with delight, while those who have delayed in the matter shall come forward to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

D. THAMES, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON COLLECTION OF ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE.

Your committee on Items of Intelligence, beg leave to Report, that this body, as an Association, is at peace within herself and endeavoring to promote the benevolent institutions of the day.

The Sabbath School cause is progressing and has entered a considerable number of her churches. One Society is honorable for having the three principal instructors initiated into the church the past summer. O how cheering!

Tract Societies are on the decline, and we hear of but few who advocate their cause.

The Bible cause is gaining ground; yet but few churches have introduced it.

The reading and patronizing religious periodicals, is more extensive at this time than at any period since the formation of this body.

The Wake Forest Institute was, at its beginning, denominated a Manual Labor School. The experience of five years having shown the utility, and, in some respects, the necessity of having a collegiate course of instruction engrafted in the School heretofore existing under the name of the "Wake Forest Institute," application was made to the last session of the General Assembly of this State (N. C.) for an amended charter—including, among other provisions, the right to confer collegeate distinctions. With a unanimity and liberality which do honour to our existing Legislature, the *amendments* asked for have been cheerfully granted, and the Institution has thereby been placed on a new and advanced footing. It is now, in every proper sense of the expression, a college—enjoying all the privileges, and competent to confer all the literary honours common to seminaries of the same grade. The Manual Labor department heretofore connected with this school, has been suspended, and will continue so until a change of circumstances shall render its resumption proper. The agreement of this body in 1829, recommending to each church the propriety of creating a fund in it for the purpose of remunerating those who may travel among and preach to us the unsearchable riches of Christ, has gradually gone into effect, notwithstanding its numerous opposers, both clerical and lay. Agents were appointed to advocate the mission cause: it being a laudable object, met divine approbation and encouragement. The fund has considerably increased, and we are able to send our itinerant most or all the Association year. All the good that has been done, cannot be recorded. The number of churches that have been added to this body since the mission cause began, is nearly twenty. Such are some of its happy results. These, with the other Churches in N. C., will nearly compute forty thousand Church members. The advocates of the Temperance Reformation are gradually increasing. The ministry are generally favourably disposed towards it. There has been a new society, organized last February, by the name of "Brunswick County Temperance Society:"—the pledge is, "TOTAL ABSTINENCE;" the number of its members is nearly one hundred. Hail the news which our itenerant, Wm. Ayers, has brought from Brunswick County!

HAYNES LENNON, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

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|---|---|
| Remaining in the Treasury last year, | $27 16 |
| Sent up by the churches this year for the Association Fund, | 68 31 |
| For Home Missions, | 151 00 |
| For Foreign Missions, | 2 00 |
| Sabbath Collection for Foreign Missions, | 67 47 |
| Taken out of Association Fund for Bro. W. Ayers, | 36 00 |

JAS. PLUMMER, *Chairman.*

### REPORT ON THE PRACTICABILITY AND EXPEDIENCY OF HAVING THE HISTORY OF THIS ASSOCIATION PREPARED.

Your Committee having taken the subject of preparing a history of this Association under consideration, report that they do believe that it will be highly proper and useful to posterity to have a correct history of this Association prepared.

S. DUSENBERRY, *Chairman.*

### REPORT ON THE MATTER OF CHURCH LETTERS, AND THE STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION AS THEREBY INDICATED.

The committee on Church Letters, and the aspect of the state of religion as indicated thereby, beg leave to Report, that, having taken the subject under consideration, and having examined the letters from the various churches, feel authorised to say, (and with much gratitude to Almighty God,) that the aspect of the state of religion within the bounds of your Association, is, indeed, highly cheering. Notwithstanding some few of the churches complain of coldness and barrenness, yet all give us the pleasing intelligence that brotherly love abounds among them with peace and much harmony; and many, very many, are in a most cheering and prosperous condition. Taking into view the low state of religion that has existed in the Association for some years past, we say, with confidence, that the present aspect of religion is prosperous in a high degree; and much of this apparent prosperity is attributable, and indeed attributed by the churches themselves, to your missionary operations; and your itineracy has been blessed of God, in in an extraordinary degree; and many immortal souls have been brought savingly to a knowledge of the truth, and the Kingdom of God has been advanced and His name glorified through its instrumentality.—Your committee have ascertained that more than 500 persons have been received and baptised, by Brother Ayers alone, within the three years of his appointment, and that many others have been received by him, which were left for others to baptise. These, with but one missionary in the field, and much opposition to encounter, have been blessings beyond the most sanguine expectations of the warmest friends—friends of missionary operations. Your committee would conclude by recommending that this Association establish a regular system for itinerate operations, and endeavor to do still more than we have ever done to send the gospel to every destitute church and neighborhood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SMITH, *Chairman.*

## *CONSTITUTION of the DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.*

The ministers and members of the Cape Fear Association, at their sessions of the year 1838, held at Bear Swamp church, seeing the blessed effects of their itinerant missionary operations, although as yet in their infancy, and without a regular system to sustain or support them, feel deeply their obligations to adopt a more regular and efficient system; to which end resolved to form a Missionary Board, to be known and called the "Domestic Missionary Board of the Cape Fear Association," whose object shall be more efficiently to sustain the Itinerant Missionaries within the bounds of this Association, thereby to supply the destitute churches with the regular preaching of the gospel, and to rescue sinners from the dominion of Satan, and bring them to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ART. 1. Any church, benevolent society or individual contributing to the funds of the Board, at one time, five dollars, shall be entitled to one Representative in the Board for one year, and may continue to represent themselves in it, from year to year, as long as they pay this sum. If they coutribute ten dollars, they are entitled to two members, and so on—one member for every five dollars paid—it being understood that the Representatives in the Board must be members in good standing in the Baptist church. The sum of thirty dollars paid at one time, shall constitute a life member.

ART. 2. This Board shall hold its annual meetings at the time and place of the Cape Fear Association—at which time it shall choose a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall continue in office one year and until others are appointed to fill their places.

ART. 3. No person shall be received by the Board as a Missionary but such as are united to a church of our faith and order, and about whose evangelical principles, piety, and qualifications, to be useful as a Minister of the Gospel, they are well satisfied.

ART. 4. It shall be obligatory on the Chairman and Secretary to perform the duties devolving on officers of the same grade in other well regulated deliberative assemblies. They should attend all the meetings of the Board; but in case of absense or inability, the Board may supply their places for the time being. In cases of emergency, the Chairman, with concurrence of the Secretary and Treasurer, may call a meeting of the Board. Five members of the Board shall form a quorum at any of its meetings.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and have in safe keeping, the funds of the Board committed to his care, and keep a fair account of all his transactions, subject to the inspection of the Board at all times. He shall pay out no money, except at the order of the Chairman; and when required, shall give bond and approved security for the amount of money in his hands. The Chairman shall only draw on him at the order of the Board: and in case of an emergency, the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Secretary and Treasurer, may call a meeting.

ART. 6. Any alterations or amendments which experience may dictate, may be made in these Rules, provided it is done at an annual meeting of the Board, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AT

CROSS ROADS,

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

OCTOBER 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th,

1840.

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# MINUTES.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1840.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by E. Davis, from Psalm 48,—14th verse: "For this God is our God forever and ever. He will be our guide even unto death."

2. After the lapse of a few Minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator S. Mims, and a majority of the Churches being represented, brother D. Hays, at the request of the Moderator, addressed the Throne of Grace.

3. Appointed R. Melvin, R. Wooten and N. L. Williamson a Committee of Finance.

4. Called for and read the Church Letters, and enrolled the names of Delegates.

5. Received two newly constituted Churches, viz: BETHEL, in *Brunswick County*, N. C., MOUNT PISGAH, in *Robeson County*, N. C.

6. Proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows:—Samuel Mims, Moderator; James McDaniel, Clerk; Hays Lennon, Assistant Clerk.

7. Invited corresponding and visiting brethren to a seat.

8. Appointed J. E. Lennon, J. M. Lennon, Joshua Williamson, R. Wooten, R. Melvin and N. L. Williamson a committee to select preachers for the stage during the present session of the Association.

9. Appointed a committee, consisting of D. Hays, A. King, W. Ayres, J. Hill, J. F. McCall, D. Lennon and Joel Bennett, to visit the Whiteville Church, and endeavor to resuscitate the Church, and report at the next session of the Association.

10. Appointed committees on the following subjects:—On the state of Religion as indicated by the Church Letters, H. Lennon, D. Hays and N. Martin. On the special changes in the Association during the past year, A. B. Stephens, A. King and B. Freeman. On Home Missions, D. Hays, Jas. Beach and R. McRacken. On Ministerial location, W. Ayres, R. Wooten and Jas. Ellis.

Adjourned to Saturday morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by bro. D. Lennon.

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Ayres.

11. Information was sought of the Association in relation to the following points:—

When a charge is brought into the Church against a member, and found groundless, and is thrown out, is it proper to raise it up again? Answer—*It may be renewed, on special evidence, not before obtained.*

Is it in order for a part of the members of a Church to form themselves into a society for the support of benevolent Institutions, when the rest are disaffected towards such institutions? Answer—*It is; yet the members favorable to these Institutions, if they be the majority, should not interfere with the others.*

When a minority of members belonging to a Baptist Church, on account of signing the *Temperance pledge*, are excluded by the majority, what steps are to be taken with those excluded members? Answer—*The exclusion would be improper, and the majority would be quite out of order. Further information may be found in the Minutes of last year.*

Is it proper for a Church to open a door for the reception of members in the absence of a pastor? Answer—*It is.*

Is it proper for a Church to take testimony from the world against a member? or how far should a Church go in relation to such evidence? Answer—*The Church is presumed to be competent to judge in relation to the testimony, and should judge of its character without respect to the fact whether it comes from a professor or worldling, and should proceed accordingly.*

The above points were discussed in much harmony, and the answers given unanimously.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, certain abolition Baptists at the North have, in opprobrious epithets, denounced all Southern slaveholding Baptists, and in a manner equally fraught with *self-importance* and *presumption*, have cast off all fellowship towards us:

*Therefore Resolved*, That it is expedient we give an expression of the unqualified disapprobation we entertain of both the principles and movements of these abolitionists.

*Resolved, also*, That it is expedient they be regarded by the Baptist Denomination throughout the United States as "*busy bodies in other men's matters*," in very highly reprehensible instances, and that this our estimate of them be spoken out to the world in language that may not be misunderstood.

*Resolved, furthermore*, That in our opinion, the Editor of the Biblical Recorder & Southern Watchman has contributed much to the promotion of order, propriety, and the interests of truth, by his able and unanswerable articles against those schismatics, and that the ground occupied in his articles, is the ground for the Baptists generally and unitedly to occupy.

12. Called for the Reports of the Itinerants, which were read, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

13. Agreed to alter the time of the session of this Association to the Friday before the 1st Sunday in October.

14. Agreed that the next session of this Association be at Seven Creeks, Columbus County, N. C., on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1841. D. Hays to preach the Introductory Sermon,—J. F. McColl his alternate. Service to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Appointed W. Ayers to preach a Sermon on Temperance, at 10 o'-

clock on Sunday morning, at next session of this Association. A. B. Stephens his alternate.

Appointed Jas. McDaniel to preach the Charity Sermon at 12 o'clock on Sabbath, at next session of this Association,—D. Hays his alternate.

15. Committee on Ministerial location reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by brother McCall.

## SABBATH.

The weather was very favourable, and a great concourse of people attended. The services were opened by W. Ayers, in a discourse from Luke, 17th chapter, 26th verse: "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it also be in the days of the son of man." Jas. McDaniel followed, and delivered the Charity Sermon, founded on Matthew, 24th chapter, 14th verse: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." A collection was then taken up, which was highly creditable to those in attendance. The names of those who contributed as much as a dollar each are found below.

The services were closed with a discourse by A. King, founded on Mark, 10th chapter, 49th and 50th verses: "Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garments, rose and came to Jesus."

*List referred to above.*

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| 1. Levi Mears, | $1 00 | 23. S. Stanaland, | $3 00 |
| 2. Luke High, | 1 00 | 24. A. Powell, | 1 00 |
| 3. Benajah Ellis, | 1 00 | 25. C. McRae, | 1 00 |
| 4. Lott B. Lennon, | 1 00 | 26. A. B. Stephens, | 1 00 |
| 5. Furney Prevatt, | 1 00 | 27. A. King, | 1 00 |
| 6. Jesse Jones, | 1 00 | 28. S. T. Stanaland, | 1 00 |
| 7. Hayes Shipman, | 1 00 | 29. D. M. Edge, Sr., | 1 00 |
| 8. A. F. Powell, | 1 00 | 30. William Mints, | 1 00 |
| 9. Neill Kelly, | 1 00 | 31. Daniel Shipman, | 1 00 |
| 10. Micajah Long, | 1 00 | 32. James Beach, | 1 00 |
| 11. Anthony Clemings, | 1 00 | 33. John Westcat, | 1 00 |
| 12. Richard Wooten, | 1 00 | 34. Moses McKethen, | 1 00 |
| 13. Robert Melvin, | 1 00 | 35. Timothy Griffin, | 1 00 |
| 14. Nathan L. Williamson, | 1 00 | 36. Norman Martin, | 1 00 |
| 15. Moses Jones, | 1 00 | 37. William Ayres, | 1 00 |
| 16. Etheldred Bozeman, | 1 00 | 38. Thomas Ayres, | 1 00 |
| 17. Benj. Ivey of Brunswick, | 1 00 | 39. D. B. Ayres, | 1 00 |
| 18. R. M. McRackin, | 1 00 | 40. James McDaniel, | 1 00 |
| 19. J. W. Smith, | 1 00 | 41. J. F. McCall, | 1 00 |
| 20. George Parker, | 1 00 | 42. Haynes Lennon, | 3 00 |
| 21. Samuel Mims, | 1 00 | 43. Hezekiah Woodward, | 1 00 |
| 22. Mary Stephens, relict of C. Stephens, | 1 00 | 44. J. W. Gause, | 1 00 |
| | | 45. Ann King, | 1 00 |

## MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Dusenberry.

16. Committee on the State of Religion in the Association reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

17. Committee on Home Missions reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

18. Appointed Delegates to Corresponding Associations. To the Pee Dee Association, to be held at Cedar Creek, Anson County—F. Prevatt and H. Woodward; To Welsh Neck Association—D. Hays, R. McRacken, A. King and M. Watson. To the Goshen Association, Delegates would have been appointed, but the session of this Association being altered to the Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, it was not known but that both Associations would be at the same time.

19. Agreed that 800 copies of these Minutes be printed, and left in packages at Boon & Breece's Store in Fayetteville;—James McDaniel to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

20. Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

21. *Resolved*, That this Association observe the Friday before the second Sunday in April next as a day of Fasting and Prayer for a revival of Religion in the Association.

22. Appointed Delegates to the Board of the State Convention, to be held in Raleigh Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in November,—D. Hays, H. Lennon, R. Melvin, A. Paul, R. McRacken and S. Mims,—T. McDaniel the alternate.

23. Agreed that the Monies on hand for Missionary purposes be appropriated as follows: To Home Missions, $40; to Foreign Missions, $20; to Education, $3.

24. Ordered that the Funds for Missionary purposes be paid into the hands of the Clerk.

25. The Financial Committee reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The subject of *Feet-washing* was introduced and discussed to considerable extent. The yeas and nays were then called for on the question whether it is deemed an ordinance of the Church, to be practised in the Church literally, with *basin*, *water*, and *towel?* There were but three who voted the opinion that it should be regarded a Church ordinance, to be practised literally, with *basin*, *water*, and *towel*. So unanimous was the Association against it as practised by some.

Whereas, in the opinion of this Association, it would be of great advantage for the Baptist Churches to adopt one collection of Hymns:

*Therefore Resolved*, That we recommend to the Churches in this Association, the Hymn Book called Watts and Rippon, which is indeed the most valuable of any extant.

*They may be had at brother Amos Jessup's Store, Fayetteville, N. C.*

26. Agreed that the Association suspend (for the necessary space of time) their proceedings, to give place for a session of the Board of Domestic Missions connected with the Association.

## *Domestic Mission Board.*

Samuel Mims was called to the Chair and James McDaniel appointed Secretary.

Appointed B. Ivey, R. Melvin and L. Williams a Committee on Finance.

Delegates or representatives of various Churches, and also individuals, came forward and presented their funds.

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| Ashpole—per H. Lennon, | $30 00 |
| D. Hays, | 15 00 |
| Moses Warrick, | 5 00 |
| Elias Carlisle, | 5 00 |
| Jacob Freeman, | 5 00 |
| Elias Davis, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads Church, | 10 00 |
| Samuel Dusenberry, | 5 00 |
| Beaver Dam Church, Columbus County, | 10 00 |
| Porter Swamp Church, | 7 25 |
| Benjamin Ivey, | 5 00 |
| Michael Ward, | 5 00 |
| S. B. Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| D. Thames, | 5 00 |
| S. Mims, | 10 00 |
| James McDaniel, | 5 00 |
| F. D. Breece, | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch Church—per J. Johnson, | 10 00 |
| Sharon Church—per J. B. Edge, | 10 00 |
| Simpson's Creek Church—per M. Reaves, | 10 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, Brunswick County, | 10 00 |
| Shiloh, | 15 00 |

Report of the Executive Committee was called for, presented, and ordered to be printed.—*(See Appendix.)*

Paid into the hands of the Missionaries the funds which, in consequence of some subscriptions not being handed in, did not quite satisfy the claims upon the Board.

Receipts were taken from the Missionaries for the amount paid them, which receipts are in the hands of the Secretary.

Appointed D. Hays and A. King Missionaries to ride in the bounds of the Association. Agreed that 22 days' service in each month during their employ be required of each one, and that each have $1 per day. Agreed that D. Hays ride the circuit appropriated the past year to brother Stephens, and A. King in his former circuit. Provided the Missionaries may wish to exchange at times, they are at liberty to do so.

Agreed that the Missionaries act as Agents for the Board, and exert themselves to increase the funds.

Appointed an Executive Committee, consisting of M. Hewitt, J. Williams and D. M. Edge.

Appointed H. Lennon Treasurer of the Board.

The Board adjourned to meet at time and place of the next session of the Association.

The Association then came into session.

27. Committee on Special Changes reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

28. Voted that the thanks of the Association be presented to the inhabitants of this region, for the very hospitable entertainment they have furnished the Association during the session.

Adjourned to time and place aforementioned. Prayer by James McDaniel.

Thus closed one of the most harmonious and happy sessions the Association has ever held.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

JAMES McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

## *REPORT of Financial Committee.*

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| Remaining in the Treasury last year, - - - | $19 47 |
| Sent up by the Churches this year for Association Fund, | 55 12½ |
| Collection on Sabbath, - - - - - - - | 61 01 |
| For Education, - - - - - - - - | 2 00 |

R. MELVIN, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT on Home Missions.*

Your Committee deem it very important that the Home Mission cause be sustained in the bounds of this Association. It is a kind of mainspring of all the valuable movements of the Association. Let it be broken—let it be dissolved, and the whole machinery will be materially affected.—Great good has already resulted from it, and we believe that still greater good will yet be effected by it, if continued. True, there are some who are disaffected towards it, and do nothing for its support; but happily they are the few. The majority are in favor of it, and doubtless all will ere long become so, if it be continued. Respectfully submitted,

D. HAYS, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Special Changes.*

Your Committee on Special Changes in the bounds of the Association since the last session, submit the following:—

The attention of all the friends of benevolence is called in terms more to be felt than expressed, to take into consideration the death of our much esteemed brother Charles McAlister. Long was he connected with the Association, and much did he labour to promote its improvement and usefulness. He was active in all the improvements of the day—his heart and purse were open to the cries of the needy—his contributions to benevolent institutions were bountiful and untiring, and his zeal for the interests of the denomination of which he was a member, peculiarly strong. After a life of considerable length, and peculiar usefulness, he now sleeps with the dead. He died on the 25th of August, by a short but very severe attack of bilious fever.

Another change we are loudly called on to notice, relates to our aged and beloved brother Darius Ayres, father of Rev. W. Ayres. Truly it may be said he was a Father in Israel. He was richly laden with benevolence; and when death came, like good Simon, he was ready to depart in peace, having seen the Lord's Christ. His prayer was "Thy will, O Lord, be done!" His death was peculiarly peaceful and happy—an illustrious exhibition of the power of true Religion to support and beatify its possessor even in death.

A third affecting change we are called to notice and record, relates to two young brethren, Joshua Singletary and Jas. S. B. Lennon, who in the very bloom of life, with fair prospects and possessing much promise, have, in the mysterious providence of God, been called to an early grave. Liberal in their dispositions, and possessed of qualifiations for usefulness, their death is no small bereavement.

While those connected with the Association are thus one after another going, may we who remain be active, and do with our might what our hands find to do. The night cometh when no man can work.

A. B. STEPHENS, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT on Ministerial Location.*

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | ORDAINATES. | LICENTIATES. | SUPPLY. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | Wm. Ayres. | A. B. Stephens. | F. Prevatt. | |
| Saddle Tree, | | | H. Lennon. | Wm. Ayres. |
| Big Branch, | | D. Hays. | Wm. Bullard. | Wm. Ayres. |
| Lebanon, | | | | Wm. Ayres. |
| Macedonia, | | | | Jno. McCall. |
| Pleasant Grove, | | | | J. Rogers. |
| Ebenezer, | | | | J. Rodgers. |
| Mount Elam, | | | I. Stone. | D. Lennon. |
| Beaver Dam. | | | | Joel Hill. |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis. | | | |
| Cross Roads, | D. Lennon. | | Geo. L. Brown. | |
| Seven Creeks, | | | S. Dusenberry. | John Lee. |
| Mount Zion, | | | | E. Davis. |
| Beaver Dam, | | | | |
| Porter Swamp, | | | | A. B. Stephens. |
| Pleasant Plains, | Joel Hill. | | | |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | | | Oliver Turner. | Joel Hill. |
| Mount Tabor, | | | | J. Hill. |
| Mill Creek, | A. Robins. | | | |
| New Britain, | | Joel Bennett. | B. Ward. | A. King. |
| Shaloate, | | | Wm. Mince. | |
| Beulah, | | | | A. King. |
| Cape Fear, | | | | D. Thames. |
| Fayetteville, | J. McDaniel. | | James S. Mims. | |
| Bear Swamp, | | J. Rodgers. | | Wm. Ayres. |
| Saw Mill, | | | D. Hartsfield. | |
| Honey Camp, | J. F. McCall. | | | |
| Good Hope, | | | C. Allen. | |
| Spring Branch, | | John Lee. | | Wm. Ayres. |
| Salem, | | | | Jno. Woodward. |
| Buck Creek, | | | | Jno. Lee. |
| Sharon, | A. King. | | D. B. Wooten. | |
| Simpson's Creek, | | | David Cox. | Jno. Lee. |
| Cheerful Hope, | | | | |
| Mount Pisgah, | | | | A. King. |
| Shiloh, | | | | D. Thames. |
| Mount Pisgah, | H. Woodward. | | | |
| Bethel, | | | | A. King. |

### *REPORT of Executive Committee of the Domestic Mission Board.*

We, the Executive Committee of the Board of the Cape Fear Baptist Association, met on the evening of November 16, according to appointment, at brother Dwight Hays', and made the division submitted to us, between the Northern and Southern Circuits, whose line shall commence at Spring Branch, Horry District, S. C. and run East by Porter Swamp, and then to the Prong Hill, Columbus County, N. C.

Appointed brother Abel King to ride in the Southern Circuit.

Appointed brother A. B. Stephens to ride in the Northern Circuit.

Also, we recommend these brethren to deliver a Missionary Sermon in each of their respective Churches, and properly lay open the objects of Home Missions.

Further, we recommend them to circulate subscriptions in behalf of said Mission.

Rev. DWIGHT HAYS, *Chairman.*

### *REPORT of Committee on the State of Religion in the Association.*

Your Committee on the State of Religion in this Association beg leave to report:—

That although the statistical returns from the Churches do not indicate any very great improvement in the state of Religion, yet the Committee feel no hesitancy in saying, that there *is* a very pleasing improvement.

The Ministry are more pointed and practical in the character of their preaching.

The members are becoming more enlightened—more active and zealous—and there is now more union of sentiment and feeling than has been at any previous time.

During a large portion of the past year, two Missionaries have been operating within the bounds of the Association. Their reports are of a favorable character.

The approbation of Missionary operations is extending. Many who, some time ago, were disaffected towards such operations, now speak commendatory of them.

The *Temperance reformation* is evidently on the advance, and several of the Churches have very flourishing Societies on the principle of Total Abstinence.

A few of the Churches sustain Sabbath Schools and regular Prayer Meetings.

There are connected with this Association forty-one Churches, fourteen ordained Ministers, thirteen Licentiates, and about two thousand eight hundred Communicants.

On comparing the present state of things with what it was a few years ago, there is abundant cause of gratitude to Almighty God for what has already been accomplished, and great ground of encouragement to press forward, in confidence that greater things will, under the blessing of God, yet be accomplished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HAYNES LENNON, *Chairman.*

### *A. B. Stephens' Report.*

BELOVED BRETHREN COMPOSING THE CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION:

The time has arrived when it becomes my duty to lay before you an account of my Missionary labours during the past year.

Conformable to the orders of the Executive Committee of the Domestic Board, I commenced my labours on the 1st of January, 1840, confining myself to the Churches in the district or circuit given me by said Committee; and during my attendance on my Missionary tour, my meetings have been well attended, and I have had the pleasure to hear some persons relate what the Lord had done for them.

I have filled the appointment that your Committee gave me. Since your last session, I have travelled 166 days, preached 127 Sermons, and baptized 7 persons.

Although I have not had flourishing revivals in the field of my labours, I can say that the prospects appear cheering and delightful. The present state of the Churches in general seems to be flattering, and from the command of our Lord and Master, together with the prospects arising from the promise Mat. XXVIII, 19—20, I would say, (with zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls,) carry on the Missionary and benevolent institutions of the day, for Christ's sake.

In my conclusion, permit me to say, that the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

And now, dear brethren, suffer me to offer my sincere thanks, both to the Association and to the brethren within the bounds of the circuit wherein my labours have been performed, for the cordial reception of me as their Itinerant and Missionary for the past year,—and may the Lord bless his word until all shall come to know, confess and serve him, in spirit and in truth, for Christ's sake.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel.

A. B. STEPHENS.

### *A. King's Report.*

TO THE CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

*Dear Brethren*—On the 1st day of January I entered the field assigned me by the Executive Committee of the Domestic Board, as your Missionary. The month being extremely cold, very little good seemed to be effected; for my congregations were, as a natural consequence of the inclemency of the weather, generally quite small. But as the weather became more favorable, my congregations increased in proportion. I would here remark, that they would have been still larger in the Spring than they were, had it not been for the wet weather, which was such that many were kept from the house of God on week days, in order to attend to their crops. I was compelled to fail attending some of my appointments on account of deep waters. Towards the close of my term of Missionary service, my congregations were very encouraging, and I have been permitted to hear numbers tell what the Lord had done for their souls; while I have seen sinners tremble and saints rejoice.

I closed my term the 10th of June, but seeing the great necessity for ministerial labour, I continued on to the close of the Associational year, (being strongly solicited by many Churches.)

I have therefore travelled in all 190 days, preached 225 Sermons, and baptised 71 persons, and aided in the constitution of one Church in Brunswick County. I have received from Churches, Congregations and individuals, since the expiration of my term for the Association, \$15 12½ cts. The present state of things in the bounds of the Association calls loudly for a continuance of Missionary operations.

Permit me, in closing, to tender you my thanks for the honor conferred on me by being appointed your Missionary the past year. And the Lord grant his smiles upon the labours bestowed, and bless them and you, is the sincere prayer of your brother in Christ.

ABEL KING.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | *Baptized* | *Rec'd by Letter* | *Restored* | *Dismissed by Let.* | *Excluded* | *Dead* | *Total* | *Association Fund* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Joseph Thompson, *F. Prevatt*, and H. Lennon. | 16 | 4 | | 21 | 11 | 1 | 161 | 3 50 |
| Big Branch, | D. Hays, William Bullard,* E. Ivey,* and M. Warrick. | 14 | 3 | | 7 | 4 | 1 | 92 | 1 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | E. Carlisle and James Carlisle.* | | | | | 1 | 2 | 18 | 1 00 |
| Burnt Islands, | George Warrick, R. Mercer, and J. Israel. | 11 | | 1 | | 1 | | 92 | 1 50 |
| Lebanon, | B. Freeman, James Rosier, and John W. Smith. | 14 | | | 6 | 1 | 1 | 76 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | N. Martin and G. Braswell. | 6 | 3 | | | 2 | | 49 | 1 25 |
| Ebenezer, | A. Watters, Willis Jenkins, and N. Pitman. | 7 | 3 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 61 | 1 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | *J. Stone,** James A. Lawson, and B. Ivey. | 2 | | 3 | 2 | | 3 | 57 | 1 50 |
| Mount Pisgah, | H. Woodward, Jacob Thompson and J. More. | 12 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 40 | 2 00 |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | R. Melvin and Owen Jones. | | | | 1 | | 3 | 112 | 2 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis, J. Ward, and C. Storm. | 4 | 1 | | | | | 46 | 1 00 |
| Shiloh, | J. Smith* and James Plummer.* | | | | | | 2 | 49 | |
| *Columbus County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | R. Wooten and D. Lennon, | 7 | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 138 | 2 65 |
| Seven Creeks, | M. Long, E. C. Gore,* and S. Dusenberry. | | | | 1 | 2 | | 63 | 2 00 |
| Mount Zion, | Joshua Creach and Aaron Hobbs. | 3 | | | 1 | | 1 | 34 | 50 |
| Beaver Dam, | Seymore Summersett and H. Best. | 12 | | 2 | | 1 | | 94 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | A. B. Stephens, L. Williamson, and D. Coleman. | 2 | | | 8 | | 2 | 85 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | H. Hill, F. Saucer, and R. Ward. | | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 62 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill ✕ Roads, | W. D. Gore and *Oliver Turner*. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 73 | 2 00 |

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| Whiteville, | | | | | | | | 15 | |
| Mount Tabor, | Richard C. Powel, E. Phips, and J. Harrilson. | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | | 46 | 1 00 |
| Macedonia, | Joshua Williamson, N. L. Williamson, and G. Parker. | 16 | 5 | | | | | 69 | 2 00 |
| *Brunswick County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | A. Robbins and Samuel Mints. | 7 | | | | | | 36 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | James Beach, E. Boseman, and Joel Bennett. | 8 | | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 136 | 2 00 |
| Shaloate, | *W. Mints* and Elias Hunt. | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 4 | | 61 | 1 00 |
| Beulah, | Willis D. Sellers, Wm. Chalker, and S. T. Stanaland. | 10 | 1 | | 3 | 4 | | 56 | 1 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | James Ellis and E. Smith. | 5 | 2 | | | | | 35 | 1 25 |
| Mount Pisgah, | M. Hewitt, A. Clemmons, and John Holder. | 10 | | | | 3 | | 84 | 1 00 |
| Bethel, | L. Wescott, R. McCracken. | 3 | | | | | | 15 | 1 00 |
| *Cumberland County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | J. C. Averitt and D. Thames.* | 5 | | 1 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 128 | 2 00 |
| Fayetteville, | S. Mims, T. McDaniel, and James McDaniel. | 9 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 176 | 3 00 |
| *Marion District, S.C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | M. Watson and D. B. Ayres. | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 109 | 1 75 |
| Saw Mill, | | | | | | | | 43 | |
| *Horry District, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | John F. McCall and F. Powell. | 5 | | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 54 | 1 00 |
| Good Hope, | | | | | | | | 46 | |
| Spring Branch, | J. Hodges and W. Strickland. | | | | 2 | 7 | 1 | 96 | 2 12 |
| Salem, | | | | | | | | | |
| Buck Creek, | R. Bellamy and Isaac Long. | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | | 25 | 1 00 |
| Sharon, | A. King, D. M. Edge, and C. Todd. | 12 | | | | | | 66 | 1 00 |
| Simpson's Creek. | E. Carter and T. L. Hardee. | 1 | 3 | | | 3 | | 54 | 1 00 |

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*Absent.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AT

***Seven Creeks,***

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

On the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th days of OCTOBER,

1841.

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# MINUTES.

## FRIDAY, October 1, 1841.

1. At the opening of the Session, a discourse was delivered by J. F. McCall, on the 16th verse of the fourth chapter of Esther.

2. A few minutes after the close of the discourse, the Delegates, at the request of the Moderator, S. Mims, assumed their seats, when the throne of grace was addressed by A. King.

3. The Moderator then announced as the Financial Committee, N. L. Williamson, J. Beach, and Joel R. Reavs.

4. The Clerk being absent because of sickness, H. Lennon was chosen Clerk, *pro. tem.*

5. The Letters from the Churches were then called for and read, and the names of Delegates enrolled.

6. Received one newly constituted Church, viz: Bethel, in *Bladen County*, N. C.

7. Elected Officers for the ensuing year: Samuel Mims, Moderator; James McDaniel, Clerk; Haynes Lennon, Treasurer. H. Lennon continued to act as Clerk, *pro. tem.* and Robert McRackan acted as Assistant Clerk.

8. A committee to select Preachers for the stage during the Session, was announced by the Moderator,—N. L. Williamson, J. Beach, J. R. Reavs, M. Long, and J. Long.

9. An invitation was extended by the Moderator to corresponding and visiting brethren, to a seat. Accepted by D. Coleman and H. Cox, from Welsh Neck Association.

10. The following committees were appointed: On the selection of Itinerants for the ensuing year, M. Hewitt, J. C. Averitt, and M. Watson; on the state of Religion in the bounds of the Association, as indicated by the Letters, R. McRackan, S. Dusenberry, and A. Clemmons; on the special changes in the Association during the past year, W. Ayers, M. Watson, and J. Mills; on Ministerial location, B. Freeman, D. Hays, and H. Woodward; on Benevolent Institutions, A. King, H. Lennon, and S. Dusenberry; on the Itineracy, R. Melvin, D. R. Newton, and B. Ivey.

Adjourned to Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by H. Woodward.

## SATURDAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. F. McCall.

11. Called for the Reports of the Itinerants; which were presented, read, approved, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

12. Ordered that the *Constitution* and *Rules of Decorum* of this Association be appended to these Minutes.

13. Appointed Jas. McDaniel to prepare a Circular Letter, *on the final perseverence of the Saints,* to be presented at the next Session.

The following recommendation was proposed and unanimously approved:

Whereas, our beloved brother Samuel Dusenberry, has made known to us his intention of travelling to the North:

*Therefore, agreed,* That we recommend him to the respect and favour of the Baptist denomination, as an orderly member of our body.

14. Report of the committee to visit the Whiteville Church was called for, and finding difficulties still existing, D. Lennon, W. Ayers, and J. F. McCall were appointed to visit her, to effect a reconciliation, and to report at next Session.

15. Agreed that the next Session of this Association be at Beaver Dam, Bladen County, N. C., on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1842. D. Hays to preach the Introductory Sermon. Service to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M. Appointed Jas. McDaniel to preach the Charity Sermon, at 12 o'clock on Sabbath, at the next Session of this Association; W. Ayers his alternate.

16. Agreed to suspend business (for the necessary space of time,) to give place for a session of the Domestic Mission Board, connected with the Association.

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

Robert McRackan was called to the Chair, and Haynes Lennon was appointed Secretary; Jas. McDaniel, Treasurer,—Samuel Mims, Treasurer, *pro. tem.*

Appointed B. Freeman, J. C. Averitt, and H. Woodward, Committee of Finance.

Delegates, or representatives of various Churches, and individuals, came forward and presented their contributions.

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| D. Hays, Itinerant in Northern Circuit, | $182 05¼ |
| A. King, Itinerant in Southern Circuit, | 26 00 |
| Ashpole, per H. Lennon, | 20 00 |
| Mill Creek Church, | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch Church, | 5 00 |
| Sharon Church, | 10 00 |
| Mount Pisgah Church, Brunswick County, | 10 00 |
| Honey Camp Church, | 5 00 |
| Cheerful Hope Church, | 5 00 |
| Mount Tabor Church, | 4 00 |
| Robeson Union Meeting, | 9 31¼ |
| Bethel Church, | $5 00 |
| New Britain Church, | 5 00 |
| D. Hays, | 15 00 |
| M. Warwick, | 5 00 |
| S. Dusenberry, | 5 00 |
| S. B. Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| J. C. Averitt, | 5 00 |
| S. Mims, | 10 00 |
| Jas. McDaniel, | 5 00 |
| Geo. Warwick, | 5 00 |
| R. Melvin, | 5 00 |
| H. Woodward, | 5 00 |
| Thos. Britt, | 4 00 |
| W. T. Ellsworth, | 50 |

Adjourned to 12 o'clock, Monday.

The Association then resumed business.

17. Agreed that 1000 copies of these Minutes be printed, and left in packages at the Store of Boon & Breece, in Fayetteville;—Jas. McDaniel to superintend the printing of them.

18. Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

19. Appointed Delegates to Corresponding Associations, viz:—To Welsh Neck, D. Hays, R. McRackan, H. Lennon, Jas. O. Hale, and

Jno. McDaniel; To Pee Dee, F. Prevatt, J. R. Watson, and D. Hays; To Goshen, R. Melvin, J. C. Averitt, and W. Bryan.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

## SABBATH.

The weather being very unfavorable, the congregation was not as large as on former occasions. The services were opened by W. Ayers, with a discourse on Matt. xvi., 16—19. D. Hays followed, with a discourse on behalf of Missions, on Mark xvi., 15. At the close of the discourse, a collection was taken up, and the names of those who contributed as much as one dollar each, are found below. The services were closed by A. King, with a discourse on Col. i., 28.

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| R. Melvin, - - | $1 00 | J. G. Gore, - - | $1 00 |
| H. Lennon, - - | 3 00 | N. L. Williamson, - | 1 00 |
| H. Woodward, - - | 1 00 | J. Beach, - - | 1 00 |
| A. King, - - | 1 00 | Thos. Ayers, - - | 1 00 |
| W. Frink, - - | 1 00 | Ellis Lay, - - | 1 00 |
| F. Prevatt, - - | 1 00 | B. Ivey, - - | 1 00 |
| J. F. McCall, - - | 1 00 | D. B. Newton, - - | 1 00 |
| W. T. Ellsworth, - | 1 00 | W. Hukman, - - | 1 00 |
| G. L. Brown, - - | 1 00 | D. B. Ayers, - - | 1 00 |
| S. T. Stanaland, - | 1 00 | S. Mintz, - - | 1 00 |
| H. Stanaland, - - | 1 00 | T. S. Memory, - - | 1 00 |
| J. Stanaland, - - | 1 00 | J. B. Ellis, - - | 1 00 |
| Amelia Stanaland, - | 1 00 | W. Ayers, - - | 1 00 |
| J. Williamson, - - | 1 00 | R. McRackan, - - | 1 00 |
| J. C. Averitt, - - | 1 00 | S. B. Stanaland, - | 1 00 |

Since the adjournment of the Association, a letter enclosing One Dollar, from A. B. Stephens, (for Foreign Missions,) has been received by Jas. McDaniel. It shall be handed over to Treasurer of Con. at opportunity.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. F. McCall.

20. Committee on the State of Religion in the Association, reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

21. Committee on Ministerial Location reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

22. Information was sought of the Association on the following points: By D. Hays—"What constitutes a *licensed* Preacher?" Answer—"*In the opinion of the Association, an individual may not be recognized a licensed Preacher unless he have written credentials from the Church of which he is a member.*"

By A. King—"What number of Ministers is necessary to constitute a Presbytery to ordain a Deacon?" Answer—"*One may do it; but where it is not very inconvenient, we recommend more.*"

23. Committee on Special Changes reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

24. Committee on Benevolent Institutions reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

25. *Resolved*, That this Association observe the Friday before the second Sunday in April as a day of Fasting and Prayer, for a Revival of Religion in all the Churches.

26. Appointed G. W. Hill, Joseph Gause and J. C. Averitt, Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to be held at Johnson Liberty, Friday before the 3d Sabbath in this month.

27. Agreed that the means on hand for Missionary purposes be appropriated as follows: To Home Missions, $15; To Foreign Missions, $15; To Education, $7 17.

28. Ordered that the funds for Missionary purposes be paid into the hands of Jas. McDaniel.

29. Agreed to suspend business for a short time, to give place to the Domestic Mission Board.

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Committee of Finance reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Invitation was given to persons wishing to become members of the Board.

Agreed to pay D. Hays the full amount specified in his Report as Itinerant. Also, that he be allowed the additional sum of $22, for the month of January last, which was lost on account of the indisposition of his family.

Agreed that we pay A. King the full amount due him as per report of his agency.

Receipts were taken from the Itinerants, which are in the hands of the Treasurer.

Committee on the selection of Itinerants for the ensuing year reported. Report accepted.

Appointed D. Hays, J. D. Coleman, and Wm. Ayers, Itinerants. Agreed that D. Hays ride the Northern Circuit; J. D. Coleman the Southern Circuit, and Wm. Ayers to divide his time between the two Circuits.

Agreed that each Itinerant act as Agent for the Board.

Agreed that 22 days' service in each month, during their employ, be required of D. Hays and J. D. Coleman, and that they be allowed each $1 per day.

Appointed an Executive Committee, consisting of R. McRackan, H. Lennon, S. Mims, and R. Melvin.

Ordered, that the Executive Committee meet and confer with each other at least once during the year.

The Board then adjourned, to meet at the time and place of the next session of the Association.

The Association resumed business.

30. Financial Committee reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

31. Agreed that we appropriate $39 26½ of the Associational Fund to the Board of Domestic Missions.

32. Ordered, that the moneys belonging to this Association be paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

33. A request was presented by Norman Martin, from the Pleasant Grove Church, that the Association would take into consideration the expediency of ordaining Stephen D. Collins. The Association commended the conduct of those who had refused to ordain him.

34. Appointed a Committee, consisting of H. Lennon, H. Woodward, S. Dusenberry, W. Ayers, F. Prevatt, and M. Watson, to visit the Pleasant Grove Church, to effect a change in her views and course in reference to said Collins, to which the Association take exception.

35. Voted that the thanks of the Association be presented the inhabitants of this vicinity for their hospitable entertainment of the Association during the Session.

Adjourned to time and place above specified. Prayer by W. Ayers.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Clerk, pro. tem.*

## APPENDIX.

### *REPORT of Committee on Special Changes.*

During every Associational year, events transpire of a very varied character. Some are afflictive—others are joyous. We have the mournful task to record the ravages of death in the Association the past year. Our beloved brother, Elder David Thames, is gone. He died in November;—but he has left behind, the evidence that *our* loss is *his* gain—that from the Association on earth, he is removed to that of Heaven. Like the faithful Apostle Paul, he was *ready*, and his dying exercises were prayer for his neighbours.

We have also to record the death of our beloved brother, Abraham Journigen, who was for years a Deacon in the Church of Christ, which office he filled in such a manner as to secure to himself the esteem of those acquainted with him. He left this land of affliction and tears in June.

From the graves of these servants of God, there comes a voice to the members of this Association—it is this, "Be ye also ready."

But we are permitted to record some events of the past year, more pleasing. Some Churches which had been long cold and barren, have experienced a glorious revival. There is a happy improvement in many parts of the Association. We can say, "The Lord hath done great things for us." We fondly hope that at the next Session we may have still greater evidences of the advancement and triumph of truth. And as God is pleased to employ human agency to advance his kingdom, let us be diligent, individually, to do what we can in this great and glorious work.

W. AYERS, *Chairman.*

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Assoc'n Fund. |
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| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | **Wm. Ayers**, **F. Prevatt**, *H. Lennon*, | 3 | 00 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 162 | 3 50 |
| Big Branch, | D. **Hays**, Willis Barnes, Mcr. Barnes, | 4 | 1 | 2 | 00 | 3 | 2 | 85 | 1 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | By Letter, | 7 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 25 | 1 00 |
| Burnt Islands, | J. Warwick,* G. Warwick, M. Mears, | 28 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 6 | 1 | 112 | 1 50 |
| Lebanon, | B. Freeman, J. Rozier, R. Musslewhite, | 14 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 3 | 1 | 86 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | *N. Martin*, G. Braswell, Wm. Miller, | 13 | 3 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 63 | 2 60 |
| Ebenezer, | John F. Varnum, William Walters,* | 00 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 55 | 1 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | J. R. Stone, Elias Stone,* Benj. Ivey,* | 00 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 4 | 00 | 55 | 1 50 |
| Mount Pisgah, | H. **Woodward**, William Prevatt,* J. Woodell,* | 41 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 00 | 78 | 2 50 |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Robt. Melvin, W. Bryan, J. Cashwell, | 80 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 190 | 3 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 0 00 |
| Shiloh, | | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 0 00 |
| *Columbus County* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | J.E.Lennon, J.M.Lennon, *G.L.Brown*, | 12 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 2 | 00 | 148 | 2 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | Ellis Lay, E. C. Gore, J. Gore, | 00 | 2 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 62 | 2 00 |
| Mount Zion, | K. Vause,* | 4 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 62 |
| Beaver Dam, | J. Hinson, W. Smith, J. Mercer,* | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 100 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | Jno. Russ, Dan'l Coleman, J. Godwin, | 3 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 80 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | R. Ward, George W. Hill, **Joel Hill**, | 2 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 3 | 2 | 61 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads, | John Mills, *John Mears*, F. K. Powell, | 20 | 00 | 00 | 4 | 1 | 00 | 89 | 2 00 |
| Whiteville, | Simon Sibbett,* Charles Taylor,* | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 7 | 50 |
| Mount Tabor, | S. G. Tyler, J. Harrilson, H. Mills,* | 2 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 48 | 1 00 |
| Macedonia, | Geo. Parker,* N. L. Williamson, Josh. Williamson, | 5 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 73 | 2 00 |
| Mount Moriah, | H. Mitchell, M. Formyduval, | 00 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 13 | 1 00 |
| *Brunswick C'ty.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | J. R. Reaves, J. Biggs, S. S. Mintz, | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 32 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | James Beach, M. McKethan, J. Russ, | 5 | 00 | 00 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 129 | 2 00 |
| Shaloate, | Jesse Bennet, James G. Basford, | 4 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 67 | 1 00 |
| Beulah, | W. Chalker, D. Stanaland,* S. B. Stanaland,* | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 4 | 00 | 51 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | J. B. Ellis, E. Smith, | 5 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 1 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | M. Hewitt, A. Clemmons, J. Holden,* | 13 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 5 | 00 | 95 | 1 00 |
| Bethel, | L. Wescott,* R. M. McKackan, J. Swain | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 15 | 1 00 |
| *Cumberland C'ty.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | J. C. Averitt, J. M. Jessup, W. Taylor, | 40 | 00 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 160 | 2 00 |
| Fayetteville, | S. Mims, **Jas. McDaniel**,* Jn. McDaniel, T. S. Memory, | 4 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 3 | 00 | 177 | 3 00 |
| *Marion Dist., S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | *S. Dusenberry*, T. Watson, M. Watson, | 24 | 1 | 3 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 141 | 2 50 |
| Saw Mill, | | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 0 00 |
| *Horry Dist., S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | J. F. **McCall**, J. Harrilson, F. Powell,* | 5 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 3 | 2 | 52 | 1 00 |
| Good Hope, | | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 0 00 |
| Spring Branch, | J. Grainger, R. E. Price, B. Buffkin,* | 9 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 6 | 2 | 100 | 1 68 |
| Salem, | | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 0 00 |
| Buck Creek, | A. Hardee, A. Housend, | 00 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 1 00 |
| Sharon, | J. B. Edge, W. L. Duboice, *D. R. Newton*, A. **King**, | 3 | 2 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 2 | 69 | 1 00 |
| Simpson's Creek, | J. Frink, J. Ludlam, J. J. Reaves,* | 2 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 54 | 1 00 |

* Absent.

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## *REPORT of Committee on Itineracy.*

The expediency and importance of the system of Itineracy may no longer present any doubt or question of disapprobation to any one in this Association. Like men, it may be judged by its fruits. What has it accomplished? Before it existed what was the state of things? Many of the Churches were wofully neglectful of representing themselves in the Association. Not a few were opposed to all Missionary operations, and when called, no representation was present. And among those who represented themselves, the doleful announcement was made by some, *that they had no preaching;*—they were like sheep having no shepherd. But soon as this system commenced, alienated Churches were conciliated.—Now we have full and punctual representations. Where there was not preaching, now there is preaching; and in some of those places very precious revivals. Now the annual increase in the Association is very encouraging. In short, God has signally blessed the Itineracy in this Association. Much, very much, has already been accomplished. Let us take courage and persevere, and we may anticipate a day, not far distant, when more glorious results will be seen.

R. MELVIN, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Financial Committee of the Association.*

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| Remaining in the Treasury last year, - - - | $32 09½ |
| Sent up by the Churches this year— | |
| For Association Fund, - - - - - - | 57 17 |
| Collection on Sabbath for Missionary purposes, - | 37 17 |
| For Education, - - - - - - - | |

NATHAN L. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Benevolent Institutions.*

Your Committee, to whom was referred Benevolent Institutions, beg leave to report—

That many means have been devised to impress morality, virtue and religion truly upon the hearts of the children of men; and amongst which means, we take pleasure in presenting the annexed, which have been instrumental in effecting a reformation:

The Mission cause, both Domestic and Foreign, which is the work of the Lord, as a means in sending forth his word and ministerial servants to propagate glad tidings to a perishing world,—fulfilling the great injunctions of our blessed Lord. The cause is approbated by Almighty God, to whom we would ever give thanks.

Sabbath Schools, though but little patronized, are productive of much good; for wherever such institutions are raised, the Lord blesses the feeble efforts in moralizing the youths, and preparing them for the reception of truth. Much good has been done, and by attending to it, much greater may be done.

The Temperance cause, though much opposed, is making advances; and we rejoice that where such institutions have been established, that the spirit of the Lord has manifested itself to the conversion of many souls. It prepares the person for serious meditation, thereby, when the good seed is sown, it meets comparatively with but little difficulty in taking root. Greatly it is to be lamented that this good work has to contend with all the enemies of God, and some who profess to be his friends. May the advocates redouble their efforts in enforcing this laudable institution.

The Bible cause is another means of advancing the glory of God, and diffusing his knowledge amongst all nations of the earth. This is so closely connected with Missions, that it cannot exist without its agency. The work is approbated by Heaven, and calls for our continual aid in effecting its objects. Respectfully submitted,

A. KING, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT on Ministerial Location.*

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS | ORDINATES. | LICENTIATES. | SUPPLY. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | Wm. Ayres. | A.B. Stephens & F. Prevatt. | H. Lennon. | — |
| Saddle Tree, | — | — | — | Wm. Ayres. |
| Big Branch, | — | D. Hays. | — | Wm. Ayres. |
| Lebanon, | — | — | — | Wm. Ayres. |
| Burnt Islands, | — | — | — | D. Lennon. |
| Macedonia, | — | — | — | J. F. McCall. |
| Pleasant Grove, | — | — | S. D. Collins. | — |
| Ebenezer, | — | — | — | J. D. Coleman. |
| Mount Eliam, | — | — | Isham Stone. | D. Lennon. |
| Beaver Dam, Col's, | — | — | — | Joel Hill. |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis. | — | — | — |
| Cross Roads, | D. Lennon. | — | G. L. Brown. | — |
| Seven Creeks, | — | — | — | John Lee. |
| Mount Zion, | — | — | D. J. Ray. | Joel Hill. |
| Beaver Dam, Blad. | — | — | — | — |
| Porter Swamp, | — | — | — | — |
| Pleasant Plains, | Joel Hill. | — | — | — |
| Iron Hill ⋉ Roads, | — | — | O. Turner and J. Mears. | John Lee. |
| Mount Tabor, | — | — | — | Joel Hill. |
| Mill Creek, | H. Robbins. | — | — | A. King. |
| New Britain, | J. Bennett. | — | — | — |
| Shaloate, | — | — | — | J. Bennett. |
| Beulah, | — | — | — | A. King. |
| Cape Fear, | — | — | — | — |
| Fayetteville, | J. McDaniel. | — | J. S. Mims. | — |
| Bear Swamp, | — | — | S. Dusenberry. | Wm. Ayres. |
| Saw Mill, | — | — | — | — |
| Honey Camp, | J. F. McCall. | — | — | — |
| Good Hope, | — | John Lee. | — | J. Singleton. |
| Spring Branch, | — | — | — | J. F. McCall. |
| Whiteville, | — | — | — | — |
| Salem, | — | — | — | J. Woodward. |
| Buck Creek, | — | — | — | John Lee. |
| Sharon, | A. King. | — | D. R. Newton. | — |
| Simpson's Creek, | — | — | David Cox. | A. King. |
| Cheerful Hope, | — | — | — | A. King. |
| Mount Pisgah, | — | — | — | A. King. |
| Shiloh, | — | — | — | — |
| Mt. Pisgah, Rob'sn | H. Woodward. | — | — | — |
| Bethel, | — | — | — | A. King. |
| Mount Moriah, | — | — | B. Ward. | J. Bennett. |

Respectfully submitted.

BENJ'N FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

*REPORT of Committee of Finance of Domestic Mission Board.*

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| Received from sundry Churches and individuals, | $152 81¼ |
| " Itinerant in Northern Circuit, | 182 05¼ |
| " " in Southern Circuit, | 26 00 |

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

### *D. Hays' Report.*

To the Cape Fear Association:

*Dear Brethren,*—Immediately after the appointment conferred upon me by the "Domestic Mission Board," as one of your Itinerants, to operate in the Northern Circuit of this Association, I commenced my labors by devoting nearly one month promiscuously with the Churches bordering on the Sea Coast, the which I did previously to entering on the Circuit assigned me.

Owing to the indisposition of my family, I was prevented from entering the field of labor until about the 9th of February; after which time, I devoted myself entirely to the cause of my blessed Master, and I have abundant reason to rejoice that, though the seed was sown in weakness, the Lord has blessed it even unto a production of much good.

At first, my appointments were but little known, consequently, were not well attended; but as I continued to fill them, the congregations increased, manifesting a desire to hear the Word of God. Having this desire, they attended the more constantly, and in so doing, received the greatest of all blessings, "the gift of God unto eternal life."

For the last two months, many of the Churches have experienced most cheering revivals, as you will see from the table annexed:

Travelled 220 days.
Preached 187 Sermons.
Baptized 128 Persons.

And now, dear brethren, I tender you my sincere thanks, both for the appointment conferred upon me, as well as your hospitable reception of me as your Missionary. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you evermore. D. HAYS.

### *A. King's Report.*

To the Cape Fear Baptist Association & Board of Domestic Missions:

*Dear Brethren,*—The Associational year having come to a close, it becomes my duty to lay before you an account of my ministerial labors as your Itinerant, for the past year.

On the first of January, according to the appointment of the Board, I engaged in the field of labor assigned me by the Board. The first part of the year was very disagreeable, and made my congregations commonly small; although as the season moderated, congregations were larger. Although there has not been a large ingathering this year, I have reasons to thank God that towards the close, he has revived his work; and I have been permitted to hear some relate what the Lord has done for their souls. The Lord has made his word his power unto salvation, and in it Christians have been made to rejoice, mourners comforted, and the cause of God advanced. I have travelled this year for the Board 179 days, and preached 207 Sermons; Baptized 42 persons, and assisted in constituting one Church in Columbus County, N. C. The present state of things calls loud on you for preaching. Though some of the Churches are entirely opposed to the institutions of the day, yet there are some anxiously engaged to promote the cause in this section of country.

Dear Brethren: In closing, permit me to tender you my grateful thanks for the honor conferred on me as your Itinerant this year; and may the Lord bless the labors of the past year, and add his blessing to all past labors to promote his cause, and direct to such measures as will most advance his glory, is the sincere prayer of your Brother in Gospel bonds,

ABEL KING.

## *REPORT of Committee on the State of Religion in the Association.*

The Committee on the State of Religion, as indicated by Church Letters, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

That a majority of the Letters give intelligence of the progress of Religion within the bounds of our Association, which progress induces us to believe and hope, that if we are diligent in the improvement of what has been begun, we shall, ere long, see pure and vital Religion so rooted and grounded, that we shall have great cause of rejoicing. Intelligence and liberality seem to be diffusing itself over the land, and where this is the case we may anticipate happy results. During a portion of the past year two Missionaries have been zealously engaged in the cause of Christ;—their reports are favourable. The desire for the labors of Missionaries is on the increase, and those who were opposed to the operation are gradually declining the opposition, and avowing themselves favourable to the best of causes. Temperance is advancing; several Total Abstinence Societies are established. There are connected with this Association 42 Churches, 15 Ordained Ministers, 12 Licentiates;—Baptized 354 persons during the past year.

We have abundant reasons to be thankful, on comparing things now with what they were a few years ago, and are confident in the belief. that if we persevere, great good will be accomplished by the blessing of Heaven. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN, *Chairman.*

# THE CONSTITUTION, OR FORM OF GOVERNMENT,

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experience, we, the Churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the confession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches, in order to perpetuate an union and communion amongst us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union:—We therefore propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association, according to the following plan or form of government:

ARTICLE I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association; who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective Churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to a seat.

ART. II. In the letters from the different Churches, shall be expressed, their numbers in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association.

ART. III. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches; nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any Church in the Union.

ART. IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. V. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ART. VI. New Churches may be admitted into the Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates; and upon examination, (if found orthodox and orderly,) shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the Delegate the right hand of fellowship.

ART. VII. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only two members from each Church.

ART. VIII. Every quere presented by any member in the Association, shall be twice read; and before it be debated, the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, and be deliberated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. IX. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. X. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting that purpose, shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

Art. XI. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which, we think it the duty of each Church in the Union to contribute, voluntarily, such sums as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their Delegates, to the Association; and those moneys thus contributed by the Churches, and received by the Association, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received, and paid out, according to the direction of the Association.

Art. XII. The Minutes of the Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. XIII. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, (and corected if need be,) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. XIV. Amendments to this plan or form of government, may be made at any time, by a majority of the Union, when they may deem it necessaiy.

Art. XV. The Association shall have power,

1. To provide for the general union of the Churches.
2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication amongst the Churches.
3. To give the Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.
4. To inquire into the cause why the Churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in the Association.
5. To appropriate those moneys by the Churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper.
6. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business they may see proper.
7. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in this Union, which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of Religion.
8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the Ministry, as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, whom they shall judge necessary.
9. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches in the Union.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

JAS. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

# RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association, without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject, without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other terms or appellatives but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking, till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall have no vote himself, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

JAS. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

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| 839 | 269 | 198 | | | 21 |
| | 750 | 465 | 23 | \|\| | 49 |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AT

***Beaverdam,***

BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

September 30th, and October 1st, 2d, 3d,

1842.

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# MINUTES.

### FRIDAY, September 30, 1842.

1. At the opening of the Session, a discourse was delivered by H. Lennon, founded on 2 Cor. V. chap. 11th v. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

2. After a short respite, the Delegates, at the request of the Moderator, took their seats in the house, and Brother S. Dusenberry invoked the Divine direction and blessing.

3. A Financial Committee was then appointed by the Moderator, consisting of Brethren N. L. Williamson, G. L. Brown, and R. Hollingsworth.

4. Another Committee was appointed to examine, and report in a compendious manner, the matter of the Church Letters.

5. The Church Letters were called for, and the names of the Delegates, with the Statistics, recorded.

6. Received three Churches into union, viz: Concord, in *Cumberland County*, N. C.—Providence, in *Robeson County*, N. C.—and Mount Pleasant, in *Bladen County*, N. C.

7. Elected Officers for the ensuing year, viz: Samuel Mims, Moderator; James McDaniel, Clerk; Haynes Lennon, Assistant Clerk; and Haynes Lennon, Treasurer.

8. Appointed R. Melvin and O. Jones, with the Committee of Finance, to select Preachers for the Stage during the Session.

9. Invited corresponding and visiting Brethren to a seat. J. D. Coleman of the Welsh Neck Association; A. Nicholson of the Pee Dee Association; D. Hays, and F. Prevatt, accepted the invitation. Received a Letter of Correspondence from the Charleston Association.

10. Appointed the following Committees: *On the State of Religion in the Association*, H. Lennon, J. E. Lennon, E. Williamson, G. W. Hill, R. Hollingsworth, J. Jessup, S. Dusenberry, G. Bullock, and E. Tyler. *On Special Changes*, Dr. J. O. Hale, R. Mercer, R. Musslewhite, J. B. Thompson, G. L. Brown, N. Martin, T. Smith, A. Edwards, and S. Summersett. *On Ministerial Location*, E. Davis, N. L. Williamson, W. Ayers, D. Hays, W. G. Smith, M. Long, R. Jolly, H. Barnes, M. Mears. *On Benevolent Institutions*, J. C. Averitt, J. Thompson, J. Mills, H. Mitchil, S. Bennett, W. Mathews, J. Bell, J. Wescott, and J. Hughes. *On Itineracy*, S. S. Mintz, R. Bellamee, S. Mims, W. Nunery, J. Raller, R. Melvin, D. Stanaland, J. Harrilson, and S. Reaves.

11. Agreed to give place to the Missionary Board to hold a Session at 12 o'clock, M. Saturday.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Prayer by F. Prevatt.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. F. McCall.

12. Committee to examine the Church Letters reported. Report accepted and committee discharged.

13. Committee appointed at last session to visit the Whiteville Church reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be embodied in these Minutes.

"For a time the Committee could effect little with the Church, owing to opposition to the system of Itineracy; but they are now convinced of their error in opposing the Missionary cause, and express their approbation of it; yet such is their weakness that they can do very little. They have not a sufficient number of male members to execute discipline.—Hence, your committee respectfully suggest that they be recommended by the Association to dissolve, and unite with Churches of more strength of our faith and order.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"W. AYERS, *Chairman.*"

The Association approve of the suggestion in the Report, and hereby recommend such a dissolution.

14. The Committee appointed by the last session to visit the Pleasant Grove Church, reported. Report accepted, the course of the Committee commended, and they discharged.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted on the report of the committee:—

*Resolved*, That this Association approve of the firmness of that portion of the Pleasant Grove Church which withstood the schismatical influence that assailed the Church, and threatened so much injury to its prosperity.

*Resolved, also*, That Stephen D. Collins is, in the estimation of this Association, wholly unworthy the confidence of the Churches as eligible to the Ministry, and that those who have fallen in with his schismatical and disorderly movements, should feel deep humiliation, and beware, for the future, of any such influence.

*Resolved, furthermore*, That the character of Brother D. Hays has been assailed in a very unjustifiable manner, and that this Association fully sustain Brother Hays, as having acted the part of a faithful servant of Christ in this matter.

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as order has been restored to the Pleasant Grove Church, that she be recognised as a member in full fellowship with this Association.

15. The Association gave place to the Missionary Board to hold a session.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association resumed business.

16. Agreed that the next Session be at Macedonia, Columbus County, on Friday preceding the 1st Lord's Day in October 1843. W. Ayers to preach the Introductory Sermon, at 11 o'clock A. M. J. F. McCall his alternate.

J. McDaniel to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath. H. Lennon his alternate.

17. Appointed Messengers to the following Associations, viz: To the WELSH NECK, F. Prevatt, B. Ivey, and G. W. Hill. To the PEE DEE, D. Hays, S. Dusenberry, and W. Ayers.

18. Appointed Jas. McDaniel to write a Letter of Correspondence to the *Charleston* Association.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9½ o'clock. Prayer by E. Davis.

## SABBATH.

The weather was peculiarly favorable, and the Congregation very large. D. Hays opened the exercises, and preached on 2 Cor. 6th ch. 2d v. "Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation."

J. McDaniel followed, and preached on Isaiah, 53d ch. 10th & 11th v. "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." At the close of his discourse, a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes.

The exercises were closed by W. Ayers, who preached on Matthew, 11th ch. 28th v. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Each Sermon was listened to with becoming seriousness on the part of the congregation.

## MONDAY MORNING, 9½ O'CLOCK.

Session opened with prayer by brother Coleman.

19. Agreed to give a letter of dismission to the Salem Church, to join the Welsh Neck Association.

20. Agreed to alter the VIIth Article of the Constitution, so as to admit each Church to send two Laymen with their Pastor, and in the event the Church is destitute of a Pastor, to send three of the best qualified members.

21. Committee on the State of Religion in the Association reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

22. Committee on Finance reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

23. Committee on Special Changes in the Association reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

24. Committee on Ministerial Location reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

25. Committee on Itineracy reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

26. Committee on Benevolent Institutions reported. Report accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

27. Agreed to have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed, and left (in packages proportioned to the number of each Church,) at the Store of Boon & Breece, Fayetteville.

28. Agreed that 6 copies be sent to each Corresponding Association.

29. Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

30. Agreed to rescind the resolution passed at a former session, allowing $1 per day to our Corresponding Messengers.

31. Requested each Church in the Association to send up to the next session the history of their origin, embracing the following particulars:—the time when constituted—the number constituted—by whom constitu-

ted—the officers chosen at the constitution—who has been their Pastor—whether they have had any revivals since constitution—when those revivals took place, &c.

32. Agreed to appropriate the collection on Sabbath for Home Missions, to the relief of the Missionary Board in the Association.

33. Ordered that the contribution for Foreign Missions be sent to the State Convention to be held at Murfreesborough, Hertford County, Friday before the 3d Lord's Day in October 1842.

34. Appointed John McDaniel the Delegate to said Convention.

35. Resolved that the thanks of this Association be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the ample entertainment furnished during the session.

The session was peculiarly harmonious, and many tears were shed during the parting exercises, which were performed by J. McDaniel and J. F. McCall.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

JAMES McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Remaining in the Treasury last year, - - - | $2 50 |
| Sent up by the Churches this year, for Association Fund, | 63 37 |
| Collection on Sabbath,—For Home Missions, - - | 44 62½ |
| For Foreign Missions, - - | 10 20 |
| Total amount, - - - | $120 69½ |

N. L. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the State of Religion, as indicated by the Letters, beg leave to report:

That from the face of the Church Letters, together with those of the Itinerants, Religion is considerably advancing and prospects brightening, to the great consolation of christians. There is less coldness expressed at this session than is usual, and many Churches are rejoicing for the precious revivals they have had. The *Churches* not only experience additions, but your body likewise. Within the last fourteen years, 30 Churches have been added, and during the past year 396 persons have been baptized. There is now about 44 Churches, 13 Ordained Ministers, 10 Licentiates, 3,400 Communicants, 3 Sabbath Schools, and 13 Temperance Societies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HAYNES LENNON, *Chairman.*

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Assoc'n Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Robson County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Wm. Ayers, H. Lennon, | 16 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 168 | 4 00 |
| Big Branch, | H. Barnes, W. Ivey, | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 87 | 1 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 1 00 |
| Providence, | J. H. Cobb, A. McMillan, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 2 00 |
| Burnt Islands, | M. Mears, R. Mercer, | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 117 | 2 00 |
| Lebanon, | Jas. A. Roser, Robt. Musslewhite, J. B. Thompson, | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 83 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | N. Martin, J. Moore, | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 54 | 1 50 |
| Ebenezer, | A. Watters, J. F. Varnum, | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 75 |
| Mount Eham, | *W. Bullard, *A. Britt, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 1 7¾ |
| Mount Pisgah, | J. Thompson, Josiah Radcliff, | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 84 | 2 00 |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | R. Melvin, *T. Smith*, | 60 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 243 | 3 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | A. Edwards, E. Johnson, E. Davis, | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 38 | 32½ |
| Shiloh, | W. Young, J. Bryan, *J. Byrne, | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 1 87½ |
| Mount Pleasant, | W. Hollingsworth, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 00 |
| *Columbus C'ty.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | J. E. Lennon, G. L. Brown, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 111 | 2 2½ |
| Seven Creeks, | J. Folk, J. Hughes, *N. Stephens, | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 66 | 1 50 |
| Mount Zion, | D. J. Ray, B. Richardson, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 50 |
| Beaver Dam, | S. Summersett, W. G. Smith, | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 113 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | L. Williamson, *D. Coleman, | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 87 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, M. Long, | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Iron Hill ⋊ Roads, | J. Mills, *W. Hickman, | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 102 | 2 00 |
| Whiteville, | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 00 |
| Mount Tabor, | E. Phips, *R. Powel, | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 53 | 1 25 |
| Macedonia, | N. L. Williamson, E. Williamson, | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 80 | 2 00 |
| Mount Moriah, | *Jas. Council, H. Mitchell, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 1 00 |
| *Brunswick C'ty.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | S. S. Mints, *J. Biggs, | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 42 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | J. Bennett, B. Ivey, | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 136 | 2 00 |
| Shaloate, | Jas. O. Hale, S. Bennett, | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 1 00 |
| Beulah, | D. Stanland, *W. D. Sellers, W. Mathews, | 7 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 56 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 33 | 1 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | Jas. Bell, *J. Holden, | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 104 | 1 00 |
| Bethel, | R. M. McRackan, J. Wescott, | 20 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 1 00 |
| *Cumberland Co.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | *J. C. Averitt*, Rich'd Hollingsworth, | 34 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 223 | 2 00 |
| Fayetteville, | J. McDaniel, S. Mims, J. Jessup, | 34 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 192 | 3 00 |
| Concord, | W. Nunery, G. Faircloth, *J. Fort, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 1 50 |
| *Marion Dis. S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | E. Grantham, T. Ayers, *S. Dusenbury*, | 46 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 184 | 3 25 |
| Saw Mill, | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 00 |
| *Horry Dis., S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | J. Harrilson, R. Jolly, | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 53 | 1 00 |
| Good Hope, | *W. Hardee, *E. Allen, | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 45 | 2 97½ |
| Spring Branch, | Z. Bullock, E. Tyler, | 46 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 139 | 1 50 |
| Salem, | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 00 |
| Buck Creek, | R. Bellame, *J. G. Long, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 1 00 |
| Sharon, | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 0 05 |
| Simpson's Creek, | S. Reavs, *B. Reavs, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 51 | 1 00 |

*Absent.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Your Committee on Special Changes beg leave to report:

DEAR BRETHREN: With deep regret we have to record the loss which the Cross Road Church has sustained, in the death of their Pastor, Elder Dennis Lennon. who departed this life July 16, 1842. He had long been in the field, blowing the silver trumpet, warning sinners to flee the wrath to come, and has left a testimony that our loss is his infinite gain: he has been taken from this Association to the Association above.

We have also to record the loss that the Mill Creek Church has sustained, in the death of their Deacon, Michael Ward, who died in the triumph of faith, September 1842.

We have also to record the death of our beloved brother Wm. B. Sutherland, who departed this life April 20, 1842. He was a youth of very exemplary character, and bid fair to make a very useful member of society. Hence a warning voice arises from the tombs of these Brethren, "Because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God."

But while we have to record the death of these Brethren, we are permitted to record some events of the past more pleasing. We have had some precious revivals in different parts of the Association; numbers have been added to the Churches, and a happy change generally in favor of the benevolent institutions of the day; and we still hope that at your next session we may have still greater evidence of the advancement of truth. And may God give us grace to take courage and march onwards.

JAMES O. HALE, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON ITINERACY.

Results have fully developed the expediency of the system of Itineracy which has for a few years been in operation in this Association. More has been accomplished than the friends of the cause anticipated in so short a time and under existing circumstances. They can truly say, "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." But what has been done is only the *first-fruits;* far greater results will doubtless take place under a well conducted Itineracy. It is believed that no instrumentality which the Association can employ, will accomplish more than this. It bears upon so many important points, at one and the same time, and sends forth so many salutary influences, that it is peculiarly adapted to the accomplishment of good, and should therefore be studiously sustained. Let it then be regarded as one of the grandest interests of the Association, and let each one feel a deep concern for its support.—And though the Board be somewhat embarrassed with debt, as at the present, yet let this be no cause of discouragement, but of greater exertion. "Let us not be weary in *well-doing.*"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. MINTS, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

Doubts have long been entertained by many, in relation to the support of Benevolent Institutions. They have not contemplated the patronage of those Institutions in the light of Christian duty—they have regarded them as innovations, or as *men-authorized*, and *men-made* measures. In every State there are not a few of this opinion. And to those who are acquainted with the early history of the Cape Fear Association, it is well known the greater portion of this Body were such. Hence, for years the subject was discussed, but without success, on the part in favor of aiding those Institutions, for the large majority still occupied the ground that those Institutions were wholly secular in reality, and that it was contrary to the spirit of true Christianity to aid them. Thus was their patronage long prohibited. But the scene has in a great measure changed—the darkness has passed away—the light shines, and it is no longer a question of debate among the generality, whether it be a duty to patronise those Institutions. This point has become settled with the great proportion, and it is confidently believed that the day is not far distant, when it will be settled with *all*, so far as their *judgment* is concerned, whether the heart be expanded to correspondent action or not. Yes, the patronage of those Institutions now stands forth in the full aspect of Christian duty. And those who have been laboring in the performance of this duty for a considerable time, have much to encourage them to persevere. Their labor has not been in vain, nor will it yet be in vain. Let all the friends of those Institutions be steadfast and persevering. Let the doubting and halting not carry their incredulity upon this subject too far, but mark the signs of the times and the indications of Providence, and be ready to every good work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. AVERITT, *Chairman.*

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

SATURDAY, 12 o'clock, October 1, 1842.

Domestic Mission Board came into Session. Appointed R. M. McRackan Chairman, H. Lennon Secretary, Jas. McDaniel Treasurer, E. Williamson, B. Ivey, and J. O. Hale, Committee of Finance.

Ordered, that all business in relation to collections, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

Called for, and read the Itinerants' Reports, and ordered that they be appended to the Minutes.

MONDAY, October 3, 1842.

Called for Report of Financial Committee.

Ordered, that payment to the Itinerants be made in proportion to their services, so far as funds will admit.

Appointed R. M. McRackan, H. Lennon, S. Mims, and R. Melvin, an Executive Committee.

Ordered, that a list of all subscriptions be deposited in the hands of our Agent.

Employed D. Hays, as Agent for this Board, until Friday before first Sabbath in January next, at which time he shall lay an account of his Agency before the Executive Committee.

Agreed, that D. Hays be paid for his services, one dollar per day.

Then adjourned to time and place of holding the next Session of this Association.

## WILLIAM AYRES' REPORT.

*To the Domestic Mission Board:*

Beloved Brethren:—Herewith you have an account of my Ministerial labours during the past Associational year.

I proceeded on 8th October to the execution of the duties assigned me by the Board, and operated throughout the bounds of the Association, but principally within the Northern Circuit.

I have attended strictly to the circulation of subscriptions, and advocated on all proper occasions the great necessity of sustaining the Board.

I rejoice to say, that I have had some precious meetings, and feel no hesitancy in saying, that the cause of Missions is growing, though the pressure of pecuniary embarrassments casts a gloom over our operations, yet, I believe we will eventually overcome such obstacles. I have travelled 230 days, preached 270 Sermons, baptised 190 persons. For moneys received, you are referred to a specific table annexed.

And now my sincere thanks are tendered you all for the appointment conferred upon me.

I am, dear Brethren, yours in Christ,

WILLIAM AYRES.

### SUBSCRIBERS.

#### ASHPOLE CHURCH.

| | |
|---|---|
| A. B. Stevens, | $1 00 |
| Jos. Thompson, | 2 00 |
| E. Pitman, | 2 00 |
| H. Bullock, Sen., | 2 00 |
| H. Bullock, Jr., | 1 00 |
| S. Lamb, | 1 00 |
| A. Inman, | 2 00 |
| F. Prevatt, | 1 00 |
| Mary Pope, | 1 00 |
| Sarah Prevatt, | 1 00 |
| J. Prevatt, | 50 |
| James Hill, | 50 |
| Helen Prevatt, | 25 |
| Cherry Ivy, | 50 |
| Elizabeth Lovet, | 50 |
| J. Small, | 1 00 |
| Frances Elsiff, | 25 |

#### HICKORY GROVE CHURCH.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Singletery, | 1 00 |
| Allen Edwards, | 50 |
| A. McLenon, | 50 |
| D. Singletery, | 25 |
| S. Singletery, | 25 |
| E. Singletery, | 25 |
| J. Nansy, | 25 |

#### LEBANON CHURCH.

| | |
|---|---|
| W. W. Powell, | 1 00 |
| James Blunt, | 50 |
| J. McL. Humphrey, | 1 50 |

#### MOUNT PISGAH.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Thompson, | 1 00 |
| J. Moore, | 1 00 |
| Mary Bess, | 25 |
| Nancy Bess, | 12½ |

#### SPRING BRANCH.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Grainger, | 1 00 |
| J. Johnson, | 1 00 |
| H. Inser, | 2 00 |
| E. Grantham, | 1 00 |
| W. Strickland, | 1 00 |
| Z. Bullock, | 1 00 |
| B. Buffkin, | 1 00 |
| N. Grainger, | 1 00 |
| G. Grainger, | 1 00 |
| J. Inser, | 2 00 |
| R. E. Price, | 1 00 |
| H. Grainger, | 50 |
| P. Hooks, | 50 |
| D. Ayrs, | 50 |
| E. Worley, | 50 |
| W. Floyd, | 50 |
| J. Johnson, | 50 |
| A. Strickland, | 50 |

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| E. Tyler, | 50 |
| B. Fowler, | 25 |
| B. Buffkin, | 50 |
| Mary A. Anderson, | 50 |
| M. Grainger, | 50 |
| S. Foley, | 50 |
| E. Strickland, | 50 |
| A. Jarnigan, | 50 |
| J. Griffin, | 1 00 |
| Alice Strickland, | 12½ |
| J. Tyler, | 50 |

### PLEASANT GROVE.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Thompson, | 1 00 |
| N. Martin, | 1 00 |
| E. Bullock, | 1 00 |
| S. D. Collins, | 1 00 |
| R. Brassel, | 25 |
| A. Griffin, | 50 |

### SAW MILL.

| | |
|---|---|
| H. Horn, | 1 00 |

### BEAR SWAMP.

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|---|---|
| W. Hill, | 2 00 |
| J. Grainger, | 1 00 |
| A. Johnson, | 1 00 |
| E. Bullock, | 1 00 |
| R. Bullock, | 1 00 |
| S. Grantham, | 1 00 |
| T. P. Watson, | 1 00 |
| J. Page, | 1 00 |
| W. H. Hayes, | 1 00 |
| W. Scott, | 50 |

### PORTER SWAMP.

| | |
|---|---|
| A. Powell, | 3 00 |
| J. Russ, | 2 00 |
| L. Williamson, | 1 00 |
| Martha Russ, | 1 00 |
| D. Coleman, | 50 |
| D. Maers, | 50 |
| G. Godin, | 25 |
| E. Nichols, | 1 00 |
| F. Suggs, | 25 |
| Sarah Coleman, | 25 |
| Mary Godin, | 25 |

### MACEDONIA.

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|---|---|
| N. L. Williamson, | 2 00 |
| W. Nance, | 1 00 |
| L. Williamson, | 1 00 |
| G. W. Williamson, | 1 00 |
| G. Parker, | 1 00 |
| Lewis Williamson, | 1 00 |
| E. Williamson, | 1 00 |
| J. Edmon, | 50 |
| G. Williams, | 50 |
| Mary Nobles, | 25 |

### SADDLE TREE.

| | |
|---|---|
| E. Carlisle, | 3 00 |
| J. Carlisle, | 2 00 |
| J. Humphrey, Sen., | 1 00 |
| J. Humphrey, Jr., | 1 00 |
| Agnes Musselwhite, | 1 00 |
| Lucy Humphrey, | 50 |
| Nancy Carlisle, | 1 00 |
| Mary McDuffy, | 50 |
| Rachael Upton, | 50 |
| Maria Carlisle, | 50 |
| Mary McKahan, | 50 |
| Thomas Carlisle, | 50 |
| W. Carlisle, | 50 |
| Alecia Carlisle, | 50 |
| Joseph Biggs, | 1 00 |

### BIG BRANCH.

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|---|---|
| W. Barns, | 2 00 |

### EBENEZER.

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|---|---|
| A. Waters, | 1 00 |
| F. Varnum, | 1 00 |
| J. Lewis, | 50 |
| T. Lewis, | 50 |

### BRIER BRANCH.

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|---|---|
| R. Melvin, Sen., | 5 00 |
| J. D. Solter, | 50 |
| D. Melvin, Sen., | 50 |
| J. Smith, | 25 |
| E. Downing, | 25 |
| W. C. West, | 50 |
| J. Downing, | 50 |
| J. Burris, | 1 00 |
| W. Register, | 11 |
| T. Tatum, | 1 00 |
| D. Cain, | 25 |
| J. Jones, | 1 00 |
| D. B. Melvin, | 1 00 |
| D. Smith, | 10 |
| J. Cain, Jr., | 50 |

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|---|---|
| M. A. Burris, | 20 |
| Ann Downing, | 10 |
| Ann Burris, | 10 |
| M. J. Downing, | 10 |
| N. Beard, | 25 |
| B. West, | 20 |
| J. H. Melvin, | 50 |
| W. Smith, | 25 |
| J. Davis, | 12½ |
| Catharine, | 50 |
| J. Smith, Sen., | 50 |
| W. Reaves, Jr., | 12½ |
| W. W. Arvy, | 2 00 |
| Margaret Harvey, | 50 |
| J. Sikes, Esq., | 50 |
| G. W. Weeks, | 25 |
| H. Everett, Sen., | 25 |
| Lucy A. Sutton, | 1 00 |
| D. M. Melvin, | 25 |

### IRON HILL CROSS ROADS.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Mills, | 1 00 |
| D. Stanley, | 50 |
| G. Grisset, | 50 |
| J. Stanley, | 50 |
| M. Harrel, | 50 |
| S. Wright, | 25 |

### BEULAH.

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|---|---|
| William Mathews, | 2 00 |
| S. T. Stanaland, | 1 00 |
| Joseph Stanaland, | 1 00 |
| Amelia Stanaland, | 1 00 |
| W. T. Elsworth, | 50 |

### BESSENT CHURCH.

| | |
|---|---|
| A. W. Bessent, | 50 |
| Winey A. Bessent, | 50 |
| Hugh Thompson, | 50 |

### BUCK CREEK.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Jones, | 50 |
| R. Bellamee, | 2 00 |
| R. F. Marlow, | 1 00 |
| A. Houson, | 50 |

### MOUNT TABOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Harrelson, | 50 |
| J. Harrelson, | 50 |
| E. Phips, | 25 |
| S. Harrelson, | 25 |

### HONEY CAMP.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. F. McCall, | 1 00 |
| J. Harrilson, | 50 |

### BEAVER DAM, COLUMBUS.

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|---|---|
| S. Summerset, | 1 00 |
| S. Summerset, | 1 00 |
| W. Frink, | 1 00 |
| J. Inson, | 50 |
| E. Inson, | 50 |
| E. Sellers, | 50 |
| C. Soles, | 50 |
| S. Dison, | 50 |
| R. Cartwright, | 25 |
| Nancy Summerset, | 50 |
| J. Smith, | 20 |
| W. Stanley, | 50 |

### PLEASANT PLAINS.

| | |
|---|---|
| F. Saucer, | 50 |
| G. W. Hill, | 50 |
| H. Hill, | 50 |
| W. Gainus, | 50 |
| J. Hinson, | 25 |
| Elizabeth Hill, | 25 |

### WHITEVILLE.

| | |
|---|---|
| M. A. DeShields, | 2 00 |
| C. Rockwell, | 1 00 |

### MOUNT MORIAH.

| | |
|---|---|
| S. Smith, | 1 00 |
| J. Council, | 1 00 |
| D. Runnels, | 1 00 |
| D. Formey, | 1 00 |
| P. Formey, | 1 00 |
| B. Ward, | 1 00 |
| H. Mitchel, | 1 00 |
| Lucy A. Formey, | 1 00 |
| J. Pierce, | 1 00 |
| Elizabeth Mitchel, | 1 00 |

### SIMPSON'S CREEK.

| | |
|---|---|
| D. Cox, | 50 |
| Mary D. Cox, | 50 |

### HOOD'S CREEK CONGREGATION.

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|---|---|
| J. Liles, | 1 00 |
| W. Vernon, | 1 00 |
| Annato Faulk, | 1 00 |
| Rebecca Murrel, | 1 00 |

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|---|---|
| Helen Murrel, | 1 00 |
| Leah Smith, | 1 00 |
| John Murrell, | 50 |
| Mary Sikes, | 50 |
| Mary Hillburn, | 50 |
| Searcey Williamson, | 18¾ |
| Mary J. Williamson, | 25 |
| Zachariah Murrel, | 50 |

SHALOTTE.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. G. Bassford, | 1 00 |
| W. G. Bassford, | 50 |
| Sarah Bassford, | 25 |
| Lydia Stanaland, | 25 |

SIMMONS'S.

| | |
|---|---|
| S. Simmons, | 50 |
| J. Ludley, | 50 |
| J. Simmons, | 50 |
| W. Simmons, | 25 |
| J. Simmons, | 50 |
| E. Millican, | 25 |

SEVEN CREEKS.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Gore, | 1 00 |
| M. Long, | 1 00 |
| J. H. Hughes, | 2 00 |
| J. Long, | 50 |
| H. Long, | 50 |
| P. Stevens, | 25 |

MILL CREEK.

| | |
|---|---|
| John Riggs, | 10 |
| Delila A. Robins, | 18¾ |
| Charity Robins, | 10 |
| S. S. Mints, | 42¾ |
| Clemens' servant Billy, | 12½ |

*Names of Persons paid to the Board of Domestic Missions.*

NEW BRITAIN CHURCH.

| | |
|---|---|
| B. Ivy, | 1 00 |
| J. G. Grisset, | 1 00 |
| J. Beach, | 1 50 |
| E. Bozman, | 1 00 |
| C. Bozman, | 1 00 |
| N. Little, | 25 |
| J. Ward, | 50 |
| D. Gore. | 1 00 |
| P. G. Millican, | 50 |
| J. Chavas, | 50 |
| C. Clewis, | 25 |
| S. McKithen, | 25 |
| A. Bennett, | 25 |
| S. Inman, | 50 |
| M. McKethan, | 1 00 |

MOUNT ZION.

| | |
|---|---|
| L. Allen, | 1 50 |
| W. Baldwin, | 50 |
| John High, | 1 00 |
| B. Sasser, | 1 00 |
| J. Baldwin, | 50 |
| N. Ray, | 50 |
| Mary Sasser, | 50 |
| Lucy Mares, | 50 |
| Mary Baldwin, | 50 |
| Elvy Baldwin, | 50 |
| Delpha Baldwin, | 50 |
| Susan Sasser, | 50 |
| J. Sasser, | 50 |
| S. Sasser, | 50 |
| J. Baldwin, Sen. | 50 |
| D. Baldwin, | 1 00 |
| J. Baldwin, | 1 00 |

## REPORT OF D. HAYS,—ITINERANT.

*To the Domestic Mission Board:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—On the first of January, I entered the field of labor assigned me by the Board, and proceeded regularly to preach without circulating subscriptions, with the exception of one at Spring Branch, until first of May, at which time the "Executive Committee" convened, and advised that all matters relative to raising and collecting funds for the Board, be referred to brother Ayers. My health being quite enfeebled, I was compelled to suspend a part of the appointments, but agreed that if able, I would supply nine Churches with preaching, principally the Eastern Churches of the Northern Circuit.

I have Travelled 154 days.
Preached 131 Sermons.
Baptized 43 Persons.
Received $40 08.

I am happy to say that I have had full and attentive Congregations. There is truly a good state of things, and calls for a continued effort on the part of the Board to procure efficient Ministers to advance your interests.

Though I have, since the eighth of August, been compelled to decline entirely the Ministry, from bodily inability, yet I tender you my sincere thanks for favors conferred.

I am, dear Brethren, yours,

D. HAYS.

## JOHN D. COLEMAN'S REPORT.

*To the Board of Domestic Missions:*

Dear Brethren:—On 1st December last, I proceeded regularly to fill monthly the appointments for the Southern Circuit. I found the greater number of Churches cold; and having the assistance of Brother Ayers to lay before the Congregations the claims of the Board, they readily adopted such measures as will show a considerable growth in the cause of Missions. Opposition is now giving way, and the Itineracy bids fair for the doing of much good.

I have travelled 235 days, Preached 266 Sermons, Baptized 55 Persons, and retired from the Circuit under favorable circumstances, hoping that you may send some Minister to preach for them the word of life.

And now, dear Brethren, accept my sincere thanks for the appointment you conferred on me. I remain, yours in Christ,

JOHN D. COLEMAN.

## REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The following individuals, and representatives for Churches and Congregations, came forward and paid the sums hereunto annexed:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Britain Church, per Benjamin Ivey, | $10 72½ | Bethel Church, | 12 25 |
| Hezekiah Woodward, | 7 00 | Haynes Lennon, | 5 00 |
| Lebanon Church, | 9 00 | Furney Prevatt, | 5 00 |
| Samuel Dusenberry, | 5 00 | J. C. Averitt, | 5 00 |
| John F. McCall, | 5 00 | Dwight Hays, | 15 00 |
| Shalotte Church, | 2 00 | William Ayers, | 5 00 |
| William Mints, | 5 00 | Joel Reaves, | 5 00 |
| Daniel Stanaland, | 5 00 | Cape Fear Church, | 15 00 |
| Hugh Stanaland, | 5 00 | Wm. Ayers, as per report of his Agency, | 191 96½ |
| Spring Branch Church, | 5 00 | Collection on Sabbath, | 48 42½ |
| Fayetteville Church, | 10 00 | | |
| Robert Melvin, | 5 00 | | $381 36½ |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LOCATION.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | LICENTIATES. | SUPPLY. | DAYS OF MEETING. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | H. Lennon. | - - | - - | 3d Sabbath. |
| Saddle Tree, | - - | - - | Itinerate. | |
| Burnt Islands, | - - | - - | H. Lennon. | 1st Sabbath. |
| Lebanon, | - - | - - | Itinerate. | |
| Pleasant Grove, | - - | - - | A. B. Stevens. | 4th Sabbath. |
| Ebenezer, | - - | - - | A. B. Stevens. | |
| Mount Eliam, | - - | J. Stone. | - - | 4th Sabbath. |
| Beaver Dam, | - - | - - | D. Hays. | |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis. | - - | - - | 4th Sabbath. |
| Cross Roads, | - - | - - | E. Davis. | 3d Sabbath. |
| Seven Creeks, | - - | - - | J. Lee. | 4th Sabbath. |
| Mount Zion, | - - | D. J. Ray. | - - | |
| Beaver Dam, | - - | - - | J. Hill. | 3d Sabbath. |
| Porter Swamp, | - - | - - | J. McCall. | 1st Sabbath. |
| Pleasant Plains, | J. Hill. | - - | - - | 2d Sab. Feb'y. |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads | J. Lee. | J. Mears. | - - | 4th Sab. Feb'y |
| Union, | - - | - - | - - | 2d Sabbath. |
| Mount Tabor, | - - | - - | J. Hill. | |
| Mill Creek, | A. Robins. | - - | - - | |
| New Britain, | J. Bennett. | - - | - - | 3d Sabbath. |
| Shaloate, | - - | W. Mints. | J. Bennett. | 2d Sabbath. |
| Beulah, | - - | - - | - - | 3d Sabbath. |
| Cape Fear, | - - | - - | Itinerate. | |
| Fayetteville, | J. McDaniel. | J. S. Mims. | - - | Every Sabb. |
| Bear Swamp, | - - | S. Dusenberry. | - - | 2d Sabbath. |
| Saw Mill, | - - | - - | | |
| Honey Camp, | J. F. McCall. | - - | - - | |
| Good Hope, | J. Lee. | - - | | |
| Spring Branch, | - - | - - | J. F. McCall. | |
| Salem, | - - | - - | | |
| Buck Creek, | - - | - - | - - | 2d Sabbath. |
| Sharon, | A. King. | - - | - - | 2d Sabbath. |
| Simpson's Creek, | - - | D. Cox. | - - | |
| Cheerful Hope, | - - | | | |
| Mount Pisgah, | - - | | | |
| Shiloh, | - - | - - | D. Hays. | |
| Mt. Pisgah, Rob'n, | - - | - - | F. Prevatt. | 2d Sabbath. |
| Bethel, | - - | - - | - - | 3d Sabbath. |
| Mount Moriah, | - - | B. Ward. | - - | 4th Sabbath. |
| Concord, | | | | |
| Providence, | | | | |
| Mount Pleasant, | | | | |
| Macedonia, | - - | J. Parker. | - - | 4th Sabbath. |
| Big Branch, | - - | W. Bullard. | J. F. McCall. | 2d Sabbath. |

F. Prevatt,
W. Ayres,
A. B. Stevens, } Ordained Ministers in Ashpole Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

## POST-OFFICES OF THE PASTORS AND LICENTIATES.

H. Lennon, Leesville, Robeson County, N. C.
J. Stone, Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C.
E. Davis, Elizabeth Town, Bladen County, N. C.
D. J. Ray, Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C.
J. Hill, White Marsh, Columbus County, N. C.
J. Lee and J. Mears, Conwayborough, Horry District, S. C.
A. Robins, Smithville, Brunswick County, N. C.
J. Bennett, Waccamaw, Brunswick County, N. C.
W. Mints, do. do.
J. McDaniel and J. S. Mims, Fayetteville. Cumberland County, N. C.
J. F. McCall, Fair Bluff, Columbus County, N. C.
A. King, Little River, Horry District, S. C.
D. Cox, Conwayborough, Horry District, S. C.
F. Prevatt, Leesville, Robeson County, N. C.
B. Ward, Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C.
J. Parker, Porter Swamp, Columbus County, N. C.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

## MACEDONIA,

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## 1843.

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# MINUTES.

## FRIDAY, September 29, 1843.

At the opening of the session, a discourse was delivered, according to previous appointment, by W. Ayers, on John, 3d ch., 7th v.: "Ye must be born again."

At 1 o'clock, P. M. the Association convened for business;—Samuel Mims, Moderator, James McDaniel, Clerk; Haynes Lennon, Assistant Clerk.

The Throne of Grace was addressed, and the Divine direction and blessing invoked by J. F. McCall.

A Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of N. L. Williamson, G. L. Brown, B. Williams, and R. M. McRackan.

Appointed G. Parker, E. H. Parker, and G. L. Brown, a Committee to select Preachers for the Stage during the session.

Called for the Letters from the Churches, which were presented, and the Delegates were enrolled.

Received two newly constituted Churches, viz: *Western Prong*, Columbus County, N. C., and *Mount Zion*, Horry District, S. C.

Elected the following Officers for the Ensuing year:—Samuel Mims, Moderator; James McDaniel, Clerk and Treasurer; and Haynes Lennon, Assistant Clerk.

Invited Corresponding and Visiting Brethren to a seat. W. D. Martin, J. Woodward, and C. Reavs, from the Welch Neck; and D. Hays and J. Monroe, from the Pee Dee Association, accepted the invitation.

Appointed the following Committees: On the moral wants of the Association and their appropriate supply—R. McDaniel, J. H. Cobb, and Charles Reavs. On the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated in the Letters—R. McRackan, W. Ayers, and D. Hays. On the special changes which have occurred during the year in the Association—S. Dusenberry, J. Monroe, and J. Beach. On the location of Ministers in the Association—F. Prevatt, J. C. Averitt, and H. Woodward. On the selection of Messengers to Corresponding Associations—J. F. McCall, T. W. Westcott, and M. Watson.

Appointed H. Lennon to write the history of this Association, to be appended to these minutes.

*Resolved*, That this Association, approving of the Benevolent Institutions, deem it inconsistent to patronise any Minister, the tendency of whose influence or preaching is adverse to those Institutions.

Adjourned to Saturday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by S. Dusenberry.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Session opened with Prayer, by J. Bennett.

*Resolved*, That in order to avoid, as far as practicable, the injudicious Ordination of Ministers in the bounds of this Association, the candidates be presented to the Association for examination, and in the event of an approval, they be commended for Ordination; but if not approved by the Association, their respective Churches be requested to decline the Ordination.

Appointed D. F. Williamson, J. Moore, and A. King, a Committee on Minutes, and Letters of Corresponding Associations.

Inquired of the Churches whether there be any Minister preaching in the bounds of this Association, who is opposed to benevolent institutions, and ascertained that there is one, *Lewis Puckett*.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were thereupon adopted:

WHEREAS, this Association feels deeply concerned for the prosperity of the Churches: whereas, they deem all *anti*-Missionary influence inimical to the best interests of the Churches, and to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom; and whereas, there is ground to apprehend the diffusion of injurious influence, through a Ministry opposed to those measures and movements, on which they think depends, in an important respect, the advancement of Christ's Kingdom: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Churches connected with the Association be, and they are hereby exhorted, not to patronise, in any way or form, a certain *Lewis Puckett*, who has been holding forth to some extent in the bounds of the Association.

*Resolved*, That said *Lewis Puckett*, and every Minister of the like sentiments, is wholly unworthy the approbation of any who are friends to pure morality and Scriptural christianity.

Agreed, that the next session of this Association be at *Ashpole*, Robeson County, N. C., 12 miles South West of Lumberton, on Friday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1844:—J. C. Averitt to preach the Introductory Sermon. Sermon to be at half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Appointed James McDaniel to preach the Charity Sermon on Lord's day at the next session,—H. Lennon his alternate.

Appointed H. Lennon, D. Hays, J. Monroe, H. Woodward, and James McDaniel, to examine *Benjamin Ward*, Licentiate, with a view to furnish his Church with the opinion of the Association, concerning the expediency of his Ordination.

The claims of the A. B. Publication Society were presented to the Association, whereupon it was *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to report a plan of operation in relation to that Society.

Appointed H. Lennon, D. Hays, and D. F. Williamson, the Committee.

Suspended the business of the Association for the requisite space of time, for a session of the Domestic Mission Board.

Resumed business.

The following Quere was discussed at considerable length: "Is it strictly in accordance with the Scriptural plan for building the Church of Christ, to admit, on the baptism they have already received, applicants who have been *immersed* by a Pædo-Baptist Minister, or by a Free-Will

Baptist Minister, having no other qualification than what is peculiar to the Free-Will denomination?"

The Association decided in the negative.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by H. Woodward.

## SABBATH.

The congregation was very large, and the services as follows:—Singing and Prayer by H. Woodward. D. Hays then preached on the 16th verse of the 1st chapter of John: "Of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." James McDaniel preached the Missionary Sermon, on a part of the 8th verse, 1st chapter, of Acts: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." After which a collection was taken up. J. Monroe preached on the last clause of the 9th verse, 16th chapter, of Acts: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." The anxious were invited by W. Ayers, and prayer for them was offered by H. Lennon. Considerable attention was paid to all the services.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Session opened with prayer by W. D. Martin.

Called on Committees to report.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on Special Changes reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on the selection of Messengers to Corresponding Associations reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Agreed that 1300 copies of these Minutes be printed.

Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

Committee on the moral wants of the Association and their appropriate supply, reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on a plan of operation in favor of the American Baptist Publication Society, reported. Reported accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Appointed James McDaniel, S. Mims, and R. McDaniel, a Committee to examine the history of the Association, prior to its publication.

Committee on Minutes of Corresponding Associations reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on Finance reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Agreed to appropriate all the money collected on Sabbath to the relief of the Domestic Mission Board in this Association.

Committee on Ministerial location reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Biblical Recorder, edited by T. Meredith, and issued at Raleigh in this State, is highly worthy the patronage of the friends of Scriptural Christianity.

*Resolved*, That it is a Periodical of much value to families, containing a rich variety of useful and important information.

*Resolved*, That every Clergyman of our denomination in this Association ought to have it, and in the event that he is not able to sustain the expense of it, the Church, or Churches, supplied by him ought to pay for it for him.

Ordered, that the Chairman of the Financial Committee pay into the hands of the Clerk and Treasurer the Associational Fund.

Ordered, that after defraying the expenses connected with the preparation of these Minutes for the Churches, the Treasurer pay the remainder of the Associational Fund to W. Ayers.

Voted, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the hospitable entertainment furnished during the session.

Adjourned. Valedictory remarks, hymn, and prayer by Jas. McDaniel.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator*.

JAMES McDANIEL, *Clerk*.

# APPENDIX.

## *REPORT of Financial Committee.*

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|---|---|
| Remaining in the Treasury last year, | $23 37 |
| Received from the Churches this year, | 71 33 |
| Associational Fund, | $94 70 |
| Collection on Sabbath for Missionary purposes, | 34 18¾ |

N. L. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman*.

## *REPORT of Committee on Special Changes.*

Every revolving year brings changes of a varied character. Some of these changes call us to mourning—others to rejoicing. Your Committee regret that those of a joyful nature are not more preponderant. With deep regret they have to record the loss which the Ashpole Church, and the Association, have sustained in the death of Brother A. B. Stephens, who closed his labors on the 28th of Sept. 1843. Brother Stephens was a man whose usefulness was rapidly advancing. He served the Association one year as an Itinerant; but latterly he was located, and was laboring at places where he was fast increasing in favor with men, and in the prospect of usefulness. But he is gone, and, as we trust, to the Association of the redeemed in Heaven.

Your Committee have also to record the loss which the Mill Creek Church and the Association have realized, in the death of Brother Arthur Robbins, who finished his earthly course since the last session of the Association. Brother Robbins came to the grave as a shock of corn fully ripe. His head was hoary with age. Forty years had he stood the herald of the mighty God to men. But the good and the useful must die.—He is gathered unto his fathers—he is united to those who were; but while a mournful feeling crosses our mind, we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

While the lights in the Association are thus being extinguished, is it not time that the Churches become more fervent in praying the Lord of the Harvest to raise up more laborers!

S. DUSENBERRY, *Chairman.*

### *REPORT of Committee on selection of Corresponding Messengers.*

Your Committee deem it inexpedient to present any but such as would give some promise of attendance. They have succeeded in obtaining the consent and promise of the following Brethren: To the Welch Neck Association, to convene at Society Hill, S. C., Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in Nov. 1843—Samuel Dusenberry, M. A. DeShields, and James O. Hale. To the Pee Dee Association, to convene at Spring Hill, Richmond County, N. C., Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in Oct. 1843—Haynes Lennon and Jordan Cobb.

J. F. McCALL, *Chairman.*

### *REPORT of Committee on Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations.*

We are gratified at the onward course of the Pee Dee Association.—They are evidently becoming more and more active and energetic. Their energies are being concentrated, and brought to bear upon the great point of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom. They have an Itinerant in the field, whose labors are greatly successful. And they have taken some important measures to guard the way into sacred Orders in the Church. We doubt not that much encumbrance will be prevented thereby.

The Welch Neck Association are waxing stronger and stronger in the Lord. They have long practically demonstrated that they associated to work for the glory of God. And they have realized that their labor has not been in vain. A delightful state of things exists among them. Their field is well cultivated, and the annual product such as is calculated to bring joy to the hearts of all that love Zion.

ABEL KING, *Chairman.*

### *REPORT of the Committee on the Claims of the American Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society.*

Such an institution has been long and greatly needed. No instrumentality of which we can conceive at present is better adapted to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. It is calculated to reach fully and remove difficulties, which have long thwarted the progress of *Truth,* and which have hitherto been, only in part, accessible to other means.—Up to the time of its formation, there has been an important deficiency in our denominational system of operation. While other sects owe their success almost, if not equally as much, to their Publication establishments as to any other instrumentality, and have accomplished, through this means, such amazing results; and while they put forth their energies to the support of these institutions, in a manner which clearly shows the importance of them in their estimation, *our* Denomination has neglected this mighty engine, and very much "land," which might have been possessed, has gone into other hands. But we rejoice that at length this much needed institution has been set up, and we do hope that it will receive, at the hands of the Baptist denomination and their friends, that attention and patronage which will correspond with its importance. Brethren, shall its utility be prevented from development, and shall its operation be circumscribed, by the apathy and parsimoniousness of those who ought especially to be interested in it? Oh! tell it not in Gath,—publish it not in the streets of Askelon,—lest the daughters of the uncircumcised Philistines rejoice!

*Resolved, therefore*, That the Ministers and Brethren generally, exert themselves to make arrangements for the establishment of a Book Depository of the Society's Publications, at Fayetteville.

HAYNES LENNON, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on the Moral Wants of the Association and their appropriate Supply.*

Only the more prominent of the particulars in this subject can be submitted by your Committee at present. The two grand wants of the Association are these—1. A competent Ministry. 2. General information.

1. There is a sad defect in the Ministry of the Association in two important respects—in *quantity*, and in *quality*. Many of the Churches have no Pastor, and but very irregular supplies. One sermon a month is as much as they generally have, and many have not even as much as that. How truly it may be said with reference to our Association, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few!"

And there is as great a defect in the *quality* of the preaching in the Assocation, as there is in the *quantity* of it. There has ever been a *leaven* of opposition to Missionary movements in the Ministry of this Association. This has contributed in a large measure towards the scarcity of preaching among the Churches. It is not so much on acccount of the fewness of Ministers, that there has been so little preaching, as it is on account of the fact that the Churches, following erroneous guides, have not duly regarded that saying that is written, "They that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." Hence, the feet of some who would have gone and published the glad tidings have been bound. This is the principal service which some have rendered the Churches—they have induced them to keep their money, starve their own souls, and let sinners go to hell.

Another evil *leaven* that has been in the Ministry is a disposition to deal in subjects of a mysterious nature, and which are not calculated to make men see and feel their responsibility and duty. Some Ministers seem to accomplish their design when they succeed in saying something *strange*, whether it be correct or not. They send their hearers home with their minds crammed with things which have no important connexion with the salvation of the soul, or the promotion of God's Kingdom. Hence much of the preaching which has been done has been worse than in vain.

2. There is a great lack of general information. While many have the state of political affairs at their tongue's end, and know all about the management of farms, &c., open a conversation with them about the affairs of Zion abroad, and their lips are sealed—they know nothing of the moral state of the world. And hence they have but a very inadequate, mystified understanding of what they ought to do, and what it is important should be done.

As an appropriate supply of these two great wants of the Association, your Committee are of opinion that a vigorous effort should be made to send out at least one Itinerant for the entire year. This will in some measure remedy the *scarcity* of preaching in the Churches. They are of opinion that the recommendation of the Association to the Churches to send all Candidates for Ordination to the Association for examination, will tend to correct in some measure the *quality* of the preaching. And it is hoped the time is not far distant when there will be a book depository from the American Baptist Publication Society, in the bounds of the Association, that both Ministers and people may supply themselves with the interesting publications of that Society. Your Committee would also mention in this place the importance of the Biblical Recorder. The information with which its columns teem is both of a *general* and a *useful* character—such as Ministers should have—such as the people should have, and such as is within the reach of all; for if those who are able to pay for it would take it, and having perused it themselves would circulate it, others could gain the benefit, and doubtless much good would result. Such supplies would meet the wants of the Association, and raise it up to what is its privilege to be.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RANDLE McDANIEL, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Ministerial Location.*

| *Churches.* | *Pastors.* | *Licentiates.* | *Supply.* | *Days of Meeting.* | *Address.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | W. Ayers. | | | 3d Sab. | Leesville, N. C. |
| Saddle Tree, | | | | | Lumberton. |
| Antioch, | | | H. Lennon. | 1st Sab. | Ditto. |
| Lebanon, | W T Potter. | | | | Ditto. |
| Pleasant Grove, | | | A B Stephens. | 4th Sab. | Gaddysville. |
| Ebenezer, | | | A B Stephens. | 1st Sab. | Leesville. |
| Mount Eliam, | J. Stone. | | | 4th Sab. | Lumberton. |
| Beaver Dam, *Bla.* | | Tho. Smith. | D. Hays. | 2d Sab. | Elizabeth Town. |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis. | | | 4th Sab. | Ditto. |
| Cross Roads, | | | E. Davis. | 4th Sab. | Big Swamp. |
| Seven Creeks, | | | J. Lee. | | Gum Swamp. |
| Mount Zion, | | | Joel Hill. | | Whiteville. |
| Beaver Dam, *Col.* | | | Joel Hill. | 3d Sab. | Ditto. |
| Porter Swamp, | | | J. F. McCall. | 3d Sab. | Porter Swamp. |
| Pleasant Plains, | Joel Hill. | | | 2d Sab. | |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | | J. Mears. | J. Lee. | 4th Sab. | Gum Swamp. |
| Mount Tabor, | | P. Prince & S. Suggs. | J. Hill. | 1st Sab. | Ditto. |
| Mill Creek, | | | Joel Bennett. | 2d Sab. | |
| New Britain, | J. Bennett. | | | 1st Sab. | |
| Shaloate, | | W. Mints. | J. Bennett. | 2d Sab. | Shaloate. |
| Beulah, | | | J. Bennett. | 3d Sab. | |
| Cape Fear, | J C Averitt. | | | 2d Sab. | Fayetteville. |
| Fayetteville, | J McDaniel. | | | | Ditto. |
| Bear Swamp, | | | W. Ayers. | 2d Sab. | Allen's Bridge S C |
| Saw Mill, | | | | | Ditto. |
| Honey Camp, | | | | 2d Sab. | Conwaysborough. |
| Good Hope, | John Lee. | | | 3d Sab. | |
| Spring Branch, | | | W. Ayers. | 1st Sab. | Fair Bluff. |
| Mount Pisgah, *B.* | | | A. King. | 4th Sab. | |
| Buck Creek, | | | J. Lee. | 2d Sab. | |
| Sharon, | A. King. | | | 2d Sab. | |
| Simpson's Creek, | | S. Cox. | A. King. | 1st Sab. | |
| Cheerful Hope, | | W. Vernon. | J. Bennett. | | |
| Mount Pisgah, *R.* | | | F. Prevatt. | 2d Sab. | Lumberton. |
| Bethel, | | | W. Ayers. | 3d Sab. | Smithville. |
| Mount Moriah, | | B. Ward. | J. Bennett. | 4th Sab. | |
| Concord, | H. Woodward. | | | 3d Sab. | |
| Providence, | | | | | |
| Mount Pleasant, | W Hollingsworth. | | | | |
| Macedonia, | | | J. F. McCall. | 4th Sab. | |
| Big Branch, | J F McCall. | | | 2d Sab. | |
| Shiloh, | | | D. Hays. | | |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. PREVATT, *Chairman.*

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Associat'n Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | W. AYERS, K. Atkinson, H. Bullock, | 5 | 1 | | 5 | 15 | 2 | 157 | 4 00 |
| Big Branch, | J. F. McCALL, W. Bullard, W. Barnes, | 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 87 | 1 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | E. Carlisle, R. M. White, | | 2 | | | 1 | 2 | 26 | 1 10 |
| Providence, | J. H. Cobb, A. McMillan, | | | | | | | 46 | 1 50 |
| Burnt Islands, | G. Warwick, J. Warwick, M. Mears. | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 4 | | 126 | 3 00 |
| Lebanon, | W. POTTER, J. W. Smith, J. Blunt, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 68 | 1 63 |
| Pleasant Grove, | E. Bullock, N. Martin, A. Griffin, | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 56 | 2 50 |
| Ebenezer, | A. Watters, J. Varnum, B. Bledsoe, | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 47 | 1 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | J. STONE, E. Ivey, J. Lawson, | 13 | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | 62 | 1 50 |
| Mount Pisgah. | J. Thompson, F. PREVATT, J. Moore, | 21 | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 105 | 2 50 |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | R. Melvin, sr., T. Tatum, D. B. Melvin. | 25 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 255 | 3 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Johnson, A. Edwards, J. Davis, | 19 | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | 57 | 1 00 |
| Shiloh, | J. Smith, J. Byrne, W. Young, | 11 | 3 | | | | | 77 | 1 17 |
| Mount Pleasant, | J. Lewis, J. G. Sutton, | 13 | 1 | | 4 | | | 58 | 1 00 |
| Cross Roads, | J. E Lennon, G. L Brown, L. B Lennon | 17 | | | 14 | 2 | 2 | 110 | 2 10 |
| Seven Creeks, | J. Falk, A. Williamson, W. Long, | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | | 66 | 1 50 |
| Mount Zion, | S. Saucer, *D. J. Ray*, N. Ray, | 7 | | | 1 | | | 28 | 50 |
| *Columbus C'ty.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | A. Hinson, C. Sole, J. Little, | 1 | 6 | | | 4 | | 109 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | D. F. Williamson, J. Russ, A. Powel. | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 4 | | 81 | 1 50 |
| Western Prong, | H. LENNON, N. Jordan, J. Ellis, | | | | | | | 11 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. HILL, M. G. Sawyer, *J. Mears.* | 23 | | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 84 | 1 00 |
| Iron Hill X Roads | J. Mills, J. Stanaland, | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 107 | 1 50 |
| Mount Tabor, | A. Mills, S. Suggs, S. G. Taylor, | 1 | | | | | | 54 | 1 00 |
| Macedonia, | G. Parker, N. L. Williamson, B. Williams, | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | 83 | 2 25 |
| Mount Moriah, | *B. Ward*, J. Council, D. Forny, | 4 | | | | | | 16 | 1 00 |
| *Brunswick C'ty.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | J. Reavs. *W. Willis, J. Biggs, | | | | | | 2 | 46 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | D. F. BENNETT, D. Gore, J. Beach, | 21 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 156 | 2 00 |
| Shaloate, | S. Bennett, *J. Boford, Dr. J. O. Hale. | 11 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 86 | 1 00 |
| Beulah, | W. D. Sellers, *D. Stanaland, S. T. Stanaland, | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 55 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. Lennon, W. Varnum, E. Smith | 5 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 38 | 1 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | M. Hart, A Clemmons, W H Daughters | 15 | | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 109 | 1 50 |
| Bethel, | J. Swain, T. W. Westcott, R. M. McRackan, | | | | | | | | 1 50 |
| *Cumberland Co.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | J. C. AVERITT, D. T. Averitt, S. L. Thagard, | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 226 | 2 00 |
| Fayetteville, | J. McDANIEL, S. Mims, R. McDaniel, | 147 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 321 | 3 00 |
| Concord, | *J. K. Fort, J. Campbell, J. Nunnery, | 14 | 5 | | 1 | 2 | | 40 | 2 00 |
| *Marion Dis. S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | M Watson, S DUSENBERRY, N Bullock | 6 | 7 | | 4 | 8 | 1 | 184 | 4 31 |
| Saw Mill, | W. Rogers, | 4 | | | 4 | | 4 | 26 | 1 00 |
| *Horry Dis., S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | F. Powell, J. Harrelson, Jesse Harrelson, | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 51 | 75 |
| Good Hope, | W. Hardy, R. M. Anderson, T. Holmes | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 1 00 |
| Spring Branch, | Z. Bullock, H. Ensor, R. E. Price, | 17 | 3 | | 5 | 5 | 1 | 146 | 3 00 |
| Back Creek, | | | | | | | | | |
| Sharon, | *J. B. Edge, C. Todd, A. KING, | 4 | | | 8 | 4 | 3 | 51 | 1 00 |
| Simpson's Creek. | J. G. Gore, W. Hughes, *W. A. Hardy | 3 | | | 2 | 2 | | 51 | 1 00 |
| Mount Zion, | W. Edge, | | | | | | | 17 | 1 00 |
| | | 446 | 71 | 25 | 113 | 100 | 48 | 3619 | |

*Absent. † 25 Preachers.—17 Ordained 8 Licentiates.

## *REPORT of Committee on State of Religion as indicated in Church Letters.*

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Church Letters appertaining to the State of Religion, have had the same in consideration, and respectfully Report—That nothing of a cheering nature is presented, further than unity seems generally to be prevailing, with an occasional exception; and where difficulties have arisen, efforts are being made to effect reconciliations. Discipline has been more maintained, and order in some instances has sprung out of confusion. Your Committee hope, that inasmuch as a great degree of discipline has been, and is now being observed, that a better state of things is not far in advance, as attention to the duties of Church members may be considered as a sure forerunner of more warmth than is reported to the Association. Although the Churches, viewed collectively, speak of coldness, yet we are gratified that there are exceptions. In some, gracious revivals have been had, with large accessions; in one Church 147 were baptized. Two newly constituted Churches have been added, which we think is indicative of good. Your Committee are of opinion that they could devise a remedy for the coldness manifested, but that being more particularly the province of the Committee on the Moral Wants of the Churches, they forbear commenting.

ROBT. M. McRACKAN.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2½ O'CLOCK.

The former Board of Domestic Missions was called into Session by President R. M. McRackan. Appointed H. Lennon to prepare a statement of the Board's indebtedness, and present the same to this body on Monday next.

Appointed S. Mims, R. McDaniel and R. Melvin, a Committee of Finance.

Adjourned to Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 12 O'CLOCK.

Board came into Session, and proceeded to elect Officers, which resulted as follows: Robt. M. McRackan, President; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer.

The following individuals and Churches came forward and paid the sums to their names annexed:—

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|---|---|
| John F. McColl, | $5 00 |
| Daniel Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| Joseph Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| S. B. Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch Church, per Z. Bullock, | 5 00 |
| William Matthews, | 5 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah Church, pr J. Bell, | 10 00 |
| J. G. Sutton, | 10 00 |
| William Young, | 5 00 |
| Bethel Church, per R. M. McRackan, | 5 00 |
| Furney Prevatt, | 2 50 |
| Fayetteville Church, per S. Mims, | 15 00 |
| James O. Hale, | $5 00 |
| New Brittain Church, per Joel Bennet, | 5 00 |
| John C. Averitt, | 5 00 |
| Big Branch Church, per Wm. B. Bullard, | 1 00 |
| Samuel Dusenberry, | 5 00 |
| Macedonia Church, per G. Parker, | 5 00 |
| Sharon Church, pr. A. King, | 10 00 |
| Abel King, | 5 00 |
| James Bryan, per D. Hays, | 5 00 |
| William Ayers, | 5 90 |
| | $129 40 |

Report of the indebtedness of the Board called for and accepted.

Ordered, that all subscriptions for money to this Board, previous to October 1841, be consigned to the flames.

Report of Committee of Finance called for and accepted.

Ordered, that the monies in hands of Committee of Finance be paid to the Treasurer, with directions to pay out the same to former Missionaries in proportion to the amount on hand. Corrected an error in last year's list of payments,—New Britain Church only paid $5 72½, instead of $10 72½.

Engaged the services of John F. McColl as Agent for the Board, and that he devote 22 days in each month to riding and preaching through the bounds of the Cape Fear Baptist Association.

Agreed, that he be allowed $1 per day.

Ordered, that in future, all reports made by any Agent or Missionary in the employ of this Board, shall be delivered in writing only.

Appointed R. M. McRackan, H. Lennon, R. Melvin, and S. Mims, an Executive Committee for the ensuing year: and that they be reprimanded for their negligence during the past year.

On motion, N. L. Williamson was added to said Committee.

Adjourned to time and place of the meeting of the next Cape Fear Association.

ROBT. M. McRACKAN, *President.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Clerk.*

## *REPORT of Committee of Finance on Domestic Missions.*

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| Received from Churches, individuals and Congregations, | $129 40 |
| Remaining in Treasury last year, | 46 02 |
| Written Report of John D. Coleman, | 2 18¾ |
| Ditto Dwight Hays, | 56 00 |
| Sabbath Collection, | 34 18 |
| | $267 78¾ |

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Chairman.*

## *TREASURER'S REPORT on Domestic Missions.*

### Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1840. | To 120 days' service of | A. B. Stephens, | $120 00 | | |
| " | " 120 do. do. | Abel King, | 120 00 | | |
| 1841. | " 242 do. do. | D. Hays, | 242 00 | | |
| " | " 179 do. do. | Abel King, | 179 00 | | |
| 1842. | " 230 do. do. | Wm. Ayers, | 230 00 | | |
| " | " 154 do. do. | D. Hays, | 154 00 | | |
| " | " 235 do. do. | John D. Coleman, | 235 00 | | |
| 1843. | " 19 do. do. | ditto, | 19 00 | | |
| | | | | | $1299 00 |

### Contra.

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| 1840. | By Cash as pr. rec't of | A. B. Stephens, | | $103 57½ | |
| " | " Ditto do. | Abel King, | | 103 60 | |
| 1841. | " Ditto do. | D. Hays, | | 221 05¼ | |
| " | " Ditto do. | Abel King, | | 169 01½ | |
| 1842. | " Ditto do. | Wm. Ayers, | | 123 38 | |
| " | " Ditto do. | D. Hays, | | 75 90 | |
| " | " Ditto do. | John D. Coleman, | | 126 22½ | |
| 1843. | " Ditto do. | Abel King, | | 26 33½ | |
| " | " Ditto do. | D. Hays, | | 99 94¾ | |
| " | " Ditto do. | Wm. Ayers, | | 27 72 | |
| " | " Ditto discounted by | ditto, | | 5 90 | |
| " | " Ditto forwarded pr. order of | J. D. Coleman, | | 107 78 | |
| " | " Am't now due | A. B. Stephens, | $16 42½ | | |
| " | " Ditto | Wm. Ayers, | 70 00 | | |
| " | " Ditto | J. D. Coleman, | 19 99½ | | |
| | | | | 106 42 | |
| | | | | | $1299 00 |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

# EXPLANATION.

The History of the Association, and the Synopsis of the History of the Churches, designed to be appended to these Minutes, did not come into the hands of the Clerk until the 11th of January, 1844. The Committee appointed to examine them prior to their publication, are of opinion, that the cost of publishing such large documents would be much greater than the Association would be willing to pay, and therefore they decline their publication for the present.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AT

# ASHPOLE,

ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

***October 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th,***

**1844.**

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# MINUTES.

The Session was opened at half past 10 o'clock, A. M., with a discourse by J. C. Averitt, on 1 Cor. 15th chap. 58th v: "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable; always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*"

At 12 o'clock M. the Association convened for business,—Samuel Mims, Moderator; James McDaniel, Clerk; and Haynes Lennon, Assistant Clerk.

The Throne of Grace was addressed, and the Divine direction and blessing invoked by E. Davis.

A Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of N. L. Williamson, J. Smith, and G. W. Melvin.

Letters from the Churches were called for, and being presented, the Delegates were enrolled.

Received two newly constituted Churches—BRIER BRANCH, in *Bladen County*, N. C.—and BETHLEHEM, in *Horry District*, S. C.

Elected the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Samuel Mims, Moderator; James McDaniel, Clerk and Treasurer; and Haynes Lennon, Assistant Clerk.

Invited corresponding and visiting Brethren to a seat. Rev. J. D. Coleman, W. D. Martin, A. Rogers, and Chas. Reaves, Esq., from the Welsh Neck Association; and Rev. D. Hays, from the Pee Dee Association, accepted the invitation.

Appointed the Deacons of the Ashpole Church, in connexion with the Financial Committee, to select Preachers for the Stage during the Session.

The Church Letters were referred to a Committee consisting of H. Lennon and J. Smith, who subsequently reported, and in their report, read portions from certain Churches, who have set up, and declared hostility to Missionary operations, thus occupying a position of rebellion to the Association.

Submitted the opposition of those Churches to a Committee, consisting of J. Smith, G. W. Melvin, N. L. Williamson, H. Lennon, and James McDaniel.

Appointed H. Lennon, W. Ayers, A. King, J. McDaniel, and D. Hays, a Ministerial Committee to examine Z. Bullock, and any other aspirants for Ordination.

Agreed that the next Session of this Association be at BEAR SWAMP, *Marion District*, S. C., on Friday before the 1st Lord's day in October 1845. F. Prevatt to preach the Introductory Sermon, at half past 10 o'clock A. M. H. Lennon his alternate.

W. Ayers to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath at the next Session.

Appointed H. Lennon to prepare a digest of the state of Religion in the Association, from the Church Letters.

Appointed the following Committees: *On Ministerial Location*, W. Ayers, J. C. Averitt, and A. King. *On the importance of the diffusion of Religious Books*, J. Smith, J. O. Hale, and G. W. Melvin. *On Special Changes*, R. Wooten, J. Munroe, and M. Hewitt. *On Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations*, R. M. McRackan, S. Dusenberry, and J. G. Powel. *On Itineracy*, J. H. Cobb, D. Hays, and J. D. Coleman. *On the Bible Cause*, R. McDaniel, A. F. Powel, and S. T. Stanaland. *On the selection of Corresponding Messengers*, Jacob Thompson, D. Coleman, and J. Blunt.

Appointed H. Lennon to prepare the History of the Association, to be appended to these Minutes.

Agreed that H. Lennon have $25 for his service in the preparation of said History.

Adjourned to half past 9 o'clock Saturday.

Morning Prayer by D. Hays.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by S. T. Stanaland.

Committee on the *Anti*-Mission spirit and movements of certain Churches in the Association, reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Appointed W. Ayers, H. Lennon, and F. Prevatt, to visit those Churches who have raised opposition to the Association, and convince them, if practicable, of the inexpediency of their course.

Requested the Churches who have sent up moneys subscribed to N. A. Purify, Agent of the State Convention, to pay those moneys into the hands of the Financial Committee.

Suspended the business of the Association for the necessary time for a Session of the Board of Itineracy.

Resumed the business of the Association.

Appointed H. Lennon and J. McDaniel, a Committee of Arrangements.

Committee on Ministerial Location reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Appointed a Committee of Vigilance, consisting of E. Pitman, T. Lewis, Jacob Thompson, A. Inman, A. Watters, and H. Atkinson, to prevent the sale of spiritous liquors near the Meeting House, during the Session of the Association.

The following *Quere* was discussed at considerable length—"Is a brother who is favorable to Missionary operations, yet a member of an opposing Church, and sent by that Church as a Delegate to the Association, bound to vote in conformity to the views of his Church, though it may be contrary to his conscience, and conviction of right?"

The Association think he is not—provided no special injunctions have been imposed on him by the Church, requiring him so to do—and in the event that such injunctions are imposed, it is the privilege of the brother to decline the appointment to the office of a Delegate.

Adjourned to Monday morning half past 9 o'clock.

Prayer by E. Davis.

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## SABBATH.

A very large Congregation was in attendance. They were entertained by D. Hayes with a discourse on Numbers, 14th chap. 24th v: "But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it."

J. McDaniel next arose to deliver the Charity Sermon, but there being a strong, cool wind blowing, and roaring in the tops of the oaks with which the beautiful grove is so thickly set, and his lungs being in an enfeebled state, it was deemed expedient to repair to the House, where he discoursed on Philippians, 4th chap. 19th v: "But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory, by Jesus Christ."

A large portion not being able to get seats in the House, were entertained by H. Lennon at the Stage, with a discourse on Luke, 24th chap. 46th and 47th verses: "And said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

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## MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by J. H. Cobb.

Agreed to have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

Committee on Special Changes reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the diffusion of Religious Books reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the selection of Corresponding Messengers reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the Itineracy reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Appropriated the collection taken up on Sabbath, to the relief of the Board of Itineracy.

Appointed as Delegates to the State Convention at Raleigh, H. Lennon, John McDaniel, Joshua McDaniel, John G. Powel.

Committee of Finance reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the Bible Cause reported. On this Report, the Chairman of the Committee made an address, which was followed by an address from the Clerk. After those addresses the Report was accepted and ordered to be printed; and it was then agreed to suspend the business of the Association for the necessary time to form a Bible Society.

A Bible Society, Auxiliary to the State Bible Society, was formed—H. Lennon, President; R. Wooten, Secretary.

The Board of Itineracy held a Session.

The Association resumed their business.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be presented, in these Minutes, to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the very hospitable entertainment they have furnished the Association during this Session.

Appointed S. Mims, R. McDaniel, and J. McDaniel, a Committee to examine the History of the Association, previous to its publication.

After a few Valedictory remarks by the Clerk, and Prayer by J. F. McCall, the Association adjourned.

SAMUEL MIMS, *Moderator.*

J. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Finance report as follows:

According to an order of the last Association, after the expenses of the Association, the Treasurer was directed to pay over the balance to Bro. Ayres, and consequently there is nothing remaining.

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| Sent up from the Churches this year, | | $68 10½ |
| Collection on Sabbath for Missions, | | 24 61½ |
| Sent up for the use of the Baptist State Convention— | | |
| For Home Missions, | $19 50 | |
| Foreign Missions, | 17 33½ | |
| Education, | 17 08¼ | |
| | | $53 91¾ |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SMITH, *Chairman.*

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Assoc'n Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | J. Pitman, J. Hill, H. Bullock, Sen., | 5 | ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 163 | 3 00 |
| Big Branch, | *W. B. Bullard*, W. Barnes, M. Warwick, | 5 | ... | 1 | 4 | 6 | ... | 84 | 1 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | E. Carlisle, R. M. White, W. W. Powel, | ... | 7 | ... | 3 | ... | 1 | 29 | 1 00 |
| Providence, | *J. Cobb*, D. McGugan, | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 44 | 1 50 |
| Burnt Islands, | J. W. Smith, G. Warwick, J. Blunt, | 7 | 7 | 1 | ... | 4 | 3 | 128 | 2 2½ |
| Pleasant Grove, | J. Moore, A. Griffin, G. W. Braswell, | 18 | 3 | 1 | ... | 4 | 1 | 80 | 2 50 |
| Ebenezer, | A. Watters, J. Varnum, N. Pitman, | 19 | 3 | ... | 1 | 2 | 0 | 70 | 1 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | J. STONE, J. R. Stone, L. Ivey, | 7 | 3 | 1 | ... | 10 | 2 | 63 | 1 52½ |
| Mount Pisgah, | F. PREVATT, J. Thompson, J. B. Thompson | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 96 | 2 50 |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | G. W. Melvin, J. Cashwell, D. M. Melvin | 6 | 1 | ... | 69 | ... | 6 | 184 | 3 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | E. DAVIS, E. Johnson, R. M. Sessoms, | 12 | 2 | ... | 3 | 3 | ... | 68 | 1 50 |
| Shiloh, | J. Smith, E. Martin, J. Munroe, | 6 | 3 | ... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 73 | 2 70 |
| White Lake, | W. Lockey, H. Wilkinson, J. G. Sutton, | 16 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 46 | 1 50 |
| Cross Roads, | J. M. Lennon, W. Lennon, S. Pitman, | 8 | ... | ... | 5 | 4 | 1 | 120 | 2 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | *M. Long, *E. C. Gore, N. Stephens, | 9 | 1 | ... | 2 | 2 | ... | 74 | 1 50 |
| Mount Zion, | J. Baldwin, *D. J. Ray*, S. Saucer, | 6 | 1 | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | 45 | 85 |
| Brier Branch, | J. Cain, N. H. Jones, J. S. Beard, | 30 | 3 | 4 | 1 | ... | ... | 103 | 2 50 |
| *Columbus Co.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | E. H. Todd, E. Hinson, | 5 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 118 | 1 35 |
| Porter Swamp, | D. Coleman, A. F. Powel, J. G. Powel, | 22 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 103 | 2 00 |
| Western Prong, | H. LENNON, R. Wooten, A. High, | 4 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, T. Lee, M. Long, | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 80 | 1 00 |
| Iron Hill ✕Roads | *J. Mills, J. Wright, *W. D. Gore, | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 110 | 1 50 |
| Mount Tabor, | *S. Suggs*, B. Harrilson, *J. Harrilson, | 4 | ... | 1 | 1 | 3 | ... | 55 | 56¼ |
| Macedonia, | *G. Parker*, B. Williams, N. L. Williamson | 1 | 2 | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 85 | 2 00 |
| Mount Moriah, | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...... |
| *Brunswick Co.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | S. B. Robbins, Wm. Willetts, | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 7 | ... | 32 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | M. McKethan, *H. Gall, Z. Rusk, | 6 | 1 | ... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 158 | 1 52 |
| Shaloate, | S. Bennett, W. Frink, J. O. Hale, | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | 79 | 1 00 |
| Beulah, | *D. Stanaland, *S. T. Stanaland, W. Mathews, | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 3 | 1 | 50 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. Lennon, E. Smith, J. Ellis, | 1 | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 38 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | M. Hewett, A. Clemons, J. Holden, | 5 | 1 | ... | 5 | 2 | 1 | 107 | 1 50 |
| Bethel, | T. Wescott, R. M. McRackan, J. Swain, | 4 | 2 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 56 | 1 00 |
| *Cumberland Co.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | J. C. AVERITT, D. T. Averitt, J. T. Tolar, | 6 | 2 | ... | 5 | 3 | 2 | 216 | 2 00 |
| Fayetteville, | J. McDANIEL, S. Mims, R. McDaniel, | 32 | 4 | ... | 4 | 12 | 4 | 337 | 3 00 |
| Concord, | H. WOODWARD, M. Autry, *G. Faircloth, | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 50 | 1 00 |
| *Marion Dis. S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | S. DUSENBERRY, R. Bullock, *J Yelvington | 8 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 187 | 3 00 |
| Saw Mill, | H. Rogers, W. Stephens, | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | 1 00 |
| *Horry Dis. S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem, | D. J. Doyle, R. J. Todd, | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 | 1 00 |
| Honey Camp, | Jno. Harrelson, Jesse Harrelson, L. Coleman, | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 63 | 50 |
| Good Hope, | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| Spring Branch, | R. E. Price, Z. Bullock, J. Granger, | 6 | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 3 | 145 | 3 00 |
| Buck Creek, | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...... |
| Sharon, | A. KING, Chesnutt Todd, | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | 60 | 1 00 |
| Simpson's Creek, | W. Hughes, J. J. Reavs, W. Hardy, | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 50 | 1 00 |
| Mount Zion, | W. Edge, W. L. Dubois, W. Fullwood, | 6 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 | 1 00 |

*Absent.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LOCATION.

| Churches. | Pastors. | Licentiates. | Supply. | Days of Meeting. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | W. Ayres. | | | Third Sabbath. |
| Big Branch, | *J. F. McCall. | W. Bullard. | F. Prevatt. | Third Sabbath. |
| Saddle Tree, | | | | |
| Providence, | | Jordan Cobb. | | |
| Antioch, | | | H. Lennon. | First Sabbath. |
| Pleasant Grove, | | N. Martin. | F. Prevatt. | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Ebenezer, | | | F. Prevatt. | First Sabbath. |
| Mount Eliam, | J. Stone. | | | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Mount Pisgah, | F. Prevatt. | | | Second Sabbath. |
| Beaver Dam, *Bl.* | | T. Smith. | D. Hays. | Second Sabbath. |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis. | | | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Shiloh, | | | D. Hays. | Third Sabbath. |
| White Lake, | | | W. Ayres. | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Cross Roads, | | | E. Davis. | Third Sabbath. |
| Seven Creeks, | | | John Lee. | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Mount Zion, | | | H. Lennon. | Third Sabbath. |
| Beaver Dam, *Co.* | | Joel Little. | | Third Sabbath. |
| Porter Swamp, | | | W. Ayres. | First Sabbath. |
| Western Prong, | H. Lennon. | | | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Pleasant Plains, | | | | Second Sabbath. |
| Iron Hill ✕ Roads | | J. Mears. | John Lee. | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Mount Tabor, | | S. Suggs. | | First Sabbath. |
| Macedonia, | | G. Parker. | H. Lennon. | Second Sabbath. |
| Mount Moriah, | | B. Ward. | J. Bennett. | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Mill Creek, | | | J. Bennett. | Second Sabbath. |
| New Britain, | Joel Bennett. | | | First Sabbath. |
| Shaloate, | | W. Mints. | J. Bennett. | Second Sabbath. |
| Beulah, | | S. T. Stanaland. | J. Bennett. | Third Sabbath. |
| Cheerful Hope, | | W. Vernon, &<br>E. Smith. | J. Bennett. | Third Sabbath. |
| Mount Pisgah, | | | A. King. | Fourth Sabbath. |
| Bethel, | | | W. Ayres. | Third Sabbath. |
| Cape Fear, | J. C. Averitt. | | | Second Sabbath. |
| Fayetteville, | Jas. McDaniel. | | | |
| Concord, | H. Woodward. | | | First Sabbath. |
| Bear Swamp, | | *S. Dusenberry. | W. Ayres. | Second Sabbath. |
| Saw Mill, | | | | First Sabbath. |
| Honey Camp, | | | Z. Bullock. | |
| Good Hope, | John Lee. | | | Third Sabbath. |
| Spring Branch, | | Z. Bullock. | W. Ayres. | First Sabbath. |
| Buck Creek, | | | John Lee. | Second Sabbath. |
| Sharon, | A. King. | | | Second Sabbath. |
| Simpson's Creek, | | D. Cox. | A. King. | First Sabbath. |
| Mount Zion, | | | | First Sabbath. |
| Bethlehem, | | | A. King. | Third Sabbath. |
| Brier Branch, | | | W. Ayres. | Fourth Sabbath. |

* Ordinates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. AYRES, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON MINUTES OF CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of Corresponding Associations, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find nothing worthy of special attention.

Respectfully submitted.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

The Church at Pleasant Plains have sustained a loss in the death of their Pastor, Elder Joel Hill, who ceased from his labors on the 1st inst. Brother Hill arrived at an advanced age, through great affliction—consequently, he could not perform the amount of labor in the Lord's Vineyard which he otherwise would have done, and which he desired to do.

He was a devoted Christian, a meek and humble follower of the lamb; and we trust he has gone to reap the reward of the righteous in the Paradise of God.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICH'D WOOTEN, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible constitutes the grand foundation of success in the great enterprize of ameliorating the moral condition of men. In the absence of it, means may be employed, but they must prove abortive in the end. Leave the Bible out, and whatever else may be the apparatus employed, success will be wanting. Bible truth must be disseminated—Bible principles must be implanted—the Divinity of the Bible must be possessed. It is the main-spring in the machinery of moral reform.

Not only so, it is the foundation of all our liberties. Let the Bible be put entirely aside, and farewell to all that renders society agreeable, and life desirable. To it may be traced those important features which place our national and moral character in such decided and glorious superiority over the heathen.

And the present is an era in the history of the world, in which it is important that the value of the Bible be properly appreciated. While from some quarters efforts are making to displace it entirely, and from some others, efforts are making to obscure it, either of which ends is so detrimental, the lovers of the pure word of life, ought to lay aside all apathy, and engage vigorously in its support. Indifference in relation to this cause, will be a blemish in our character as an Association of Christians who profess to prize the Bible. Your Committee would therefore respectfully submit the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That an effort now be made to form in this Association, a Bible Society, Auxiliary to the State Bible Society, connected with the State Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. McDANIEL, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

The Committee appointed to examine the Letters of certain Churches who have raised objections to the action of the last Session of your body, having performed said duty, would report as follows:

That in regard to those Churches who object to the Resolution of the Association in relation to the Ordination of Ministers, we believe that they are misinformed as to the true intention and meaning of the Resolution, and have misconstrued the action of the Association. We therefore would recommend to your body to adhere to the Resolutions, and state to those Churches that the object of the Association is to relieve the Ministers individually from a weight of responsibility which they reluctantly bear, and to raise the standard of Ministerial acquirements throughout our Churches, and place the responsibility on a more enlarged basis, namely, upon the Association itself.

And to those Churches who have raised the standard of opposition to the Missionary Cause, we would recommend your body to say, Brethren, you are wrong, altogether wrong. We will pray for you, according to your request, with all our power—but whether we shall ever be able to convince you of your error, we consider extremely doubtful, for we have learned that men convinced against their will, are of the same opinion still; and that the time will come when forbearance on the part of the Association will be no longer a virtue; and as painful as it will be, we will be compelled to cut you off. Go, Brethren, and do your first work over, and do not shut out the light and be content to live any longer in your present dark condition. We further recommend that a Committee of Ministers be appointed to visit the Churches at Simpson's Creek, New Britain, Iron Hill Cross Roads, Mount Tabour, Pleasant Plains, and Seven Creeks, to preach to them and advise them on the subject of opposition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SMITH, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS BOOKS.

The Committee on the Diffusion of Religious Books in this Association, would represent to your body, that the want of such Books is greatly felt, and particularly Sabbath School Books, the difficulty of procuring which has fallen under the personal knowledge of your Committee; and the fact that a Baptist Church belonging to your body, having a Sabbath School, and anxious to supply the same with suitable Books, has been compelled to use the Books of other denominations, because there was at the time no Depository within its reach of the Books of the Baptist Tract and Publication Society. Your Committee have learned with pleasure that there is recently established a Depository of the Books of the aforesaid Society at Wilmington, under the superintendence of Rev. A. J. Battle, and would recommend to your body to take immediate steps to have the Churches within your bounds supplied with Books, and to that end, that your Missionary be empowered to act as Colporteur for said Depository, adding thereby a small amount of profit to himself, and enabling the Churches to furnish themselves with such Books as they much need.

And while on the subject of Books, your Committee would respectfully urge upon your body the necessity of having one uniform Hymn Book among all our Churches; and recommend to all the Churches to adopt immediately a Book recently published under the superintendence of a Committee of learned Baptist Ministers, from almost every section of the United States, called the Psalmist, which might very properly be called the Baptist Hymn Book.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SMITH, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE ITINERACY.

Judging from what has already been accomplished through the Itineracy, your Committee are fully convinced that it is one of the most efficient means of advancing the interests of the Association, and one that claims a large measure of attention. It is true that the circulation of that excellent paper, the Biblical Recorder, is adapted to accomplish much, and so is the diffusion of the excellent books published by the Baptist Publication Society; and your Committee would rejoice to see these means multiplied a hundred fold in the Association; and they do hope that general attention will be soon awaked up to them. They will operate as pioneers to the Itineracy. An Itinerant can accomplish a great deal more in those regions where these sources and means of information are generally found, than where they are not. But let the Itineracy be amply sustained, for if it fail, it will be like the failure of a great wheel in the machinery of our Associational interest. Oh, how it is to be regretted that it should meet as much difficulty as it does! Yet your Committee rejoice in the belief that its patrons are increasing instead of diminishing, and they anticipate a day not far distant, when present obstacles will vanish away.—They feel that the Association, in view of what has already been done, and the prospect before us, have abundant ground to thank God and take courage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. COBB, *Chairman.*

## DIGEST OF ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS.

*Antioch.*—This Church enjoys the blessings of peace, harmony, and good discipline. Elder Haynes Lennon is their supply.

*Ashpole*—Specifies a good state of things. Elder Wm. Ayers is their Pastor.

*Bear Swamp*—Hath enjoyed the labors of Elders Wm. Ayers and Sam'l Dusenberry. There is much harmony.

*Beaulah.*—This Church supplicates more union and love. Desires a continuation of the Itineracy. Eld. Joel Bennett is their supply.

*Beaver Dam, Columbus County.*—This Church experienced a diversity of opinion soon after last Session, about resolutions adopted, which they now unanimously approve. All is well. "*May the Lord be with them.*"

*Beaver Dam, Bladen County.*—In this Church brotherly love abounds, and the work of the Lord is gradually progressing.

*Bethel.*—There is nothing said about their condition or Pastor.

*Bethlehem.*—This is a newly constituted body, desiring to adorn the doctrine and profession they have made. Elder A. King is their supply. *Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee. Ps.* 25, 12.

*Big Branch.*—Complains of coldness and some unpleasantness in matters of discipline, but prays for spiritual assistance. Eld. Furney Prevatt is their supply. They are sentimentally Missionaries.

*Brier Branch.*—This Church was formed last November, of members dismissed from Beaver Dam. Eld. Wm. Ayers has been their supply, whose labors have been abundantly blessed with them. They enjoy more than ordinary Grace.

*Cape Fear.*—Nothing of a cheering nature. Elder J. O. Averitt is their Pastor.

*Cheerful Hope*—Is in peace. Is favorable to the Itineracy. Is visited by Elder Joel Bennett quarterly.

*Concord.*—Nothing special.

*Cross Roads.*—There are existing difficulties, which if not speedily removed, may terminate unpleasantly; though fortunately they abound with very few of the members. They are under the care of Eld. E. Davis.

*Ebenezer.*—There is an entire change for the better. The Lord has visited them again—peace is restored, brotherly love abounds, and 19 have been added by baptism. Elder F. Prevatt is their supply. "*Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.*" *Ps.* 90, 15.

*Fayetteville.*—This year's communications are not so pleasing as last, yet there is abundant cause of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that his work of Grace has been continued.

*Hickory Grove.*—There has been a pleasantness of season with this Church. Elder E. Davis is their Pastor.

*Honey Camp.*—There is unity of spirit. Bro. Z. Bullock has visited and preached to them. His services are acceptable.

*Iron Hill X Roads.*—"We are under the watchful care of Elder John Lee. Our Church is in a pleasant circumstance, and abounds with much love and tranquility. We have great cause to be thankful to our blessed Redeemer for his goodness bestowed on us. We are dissatisfied with two Resolutions of last Session, viz: 1. The rejection of Lewis Puckett and others of like sentiments. 2. The Ordination of Ministers."—[*Copied.*]

*Macedonia.*—Condition not stated. No Pastor.

*Mill Creek.*—This Church is on the decline. Excluded seven for departure from the Faith. No Pastor. Little or no preaching with the exception of the Itinerant. "*Return O Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove.*"

*Mt. Eliam.*—In this Church there is peace, and a desire that Evangelical Missions may cover the earth. Elder Isham Stone is their Pastor. "*Let the whole earth be filled with his Glory. Amen and Amen.*"

*Mt. Pisgah, Robeson County.*—Nothing important. Elder Furney Prevatt is their Pastor.

*Mt. Pisgah, Brunswick County.*—This Church complains of coldness. Have been visited four times by each, brethren Ayers and McCall. Eld. A. King is their Pastor. Prayer meetings are held semi-monthly.

*Mt. Tabor.*—This Church speaks of brotherly love abounding, and further adds: "We are not favorable to the Resolutions of *last Session* relative to the 'Ordination of Ministers' and Anti-Missionary Preachers." No Pastor. Samuel Suggs, Licentiate.

*Mt. Zion, S. C.*—This very orderly body is destitute of a Pastor. Bro. Samuel T. Stanaland has regularly attended them monthly for the past year. They are sound in the Mission Cause.

*Mt. Zion, N. C.*—There has been much confusion in this Church; but during the last three months peace has been restored, and there is a prospect of better times. Elder H. Lennon is their supply.

*New Britain.*—The communications from this Church are of a melancholy character, entirely disapprobating the Resolutions of last Session relative to the Ordination of Ministers, and of one Lewis Puckett, an Anti-Missionary Preacher. They supplicate peace and harmony. Elder Joel Bennett is their Pastor.

*Pleasant Grove*—Has been visited by the Holy Spirit in the abundance of Grace. There is truly a very good state of things here. Elder F. Prevatt is their supply.

*Pleasant Plains.*—This Church is somewhat dissatisfied with the proceedings of last Session. They have sustained the loss of their Pastor, Elder Joel Hill. There is at present a general peace with the brotherhood.

*Porter Swamp*—Has experienced some very precious meetings. Has baptised 22, several of whom were far advanced in age, others not yet matured. Elder Wm. Ayers is their supply.

*Providence.*—Nothing special.

*Saddle Tree.*—Rather cold. No regular preaching.

*Saw Mill.*—This Church is dependant on the Itineracy for the word of Life—prays for the continuance thereof.

*Seven Creeks.*—This Church is unanimously opposed to the Resolutions of last Session, touching the Ordination of Ministers, also the ministry of Lewis Puckett. There is unity of sentiment and doctrine.

*Shaloate.*—Nothing important. Elder Joel Bennett is their supply.

*Sharon.*—All in peace. Elder A. King is their Pastor.

*Shiloh*—Has not been regularly supplied with a Pastor. They keep up regular prayer meetings, and have a flourishing Sabbath School.

*Simpson's Creek.*—This Church expresses a determination to patronise Lewis Puckett, and all Ministers of like sentiment. Also to disapprobate the Board of Domestic Missions, and on no occasion receive any agent thereof. Elder A. King is their supply.

*Spring Branch.*—This Church communicates nothing of an interesting nature. Bro. Z. Bullock, a licensed Minister, is sent to the Association for examination. Elder W. Ayers is their supply.

*Western Prong*—Enjoys undisturbed peace and love, and has for their Pastor Elder Haynes Lennon.

*White Lake.*—This Church was formerly known by name of Mount Pleasant, and in August last was reorganised by the assistance of Elders H. Lennon and W. Ayers. They enjoy much harmony. Elder Ayers labored with them this year successfully.

*Note* 1.—Such Churches as are not found in the above, are either dissolved or not represented.

*Note* 2.—A great portion of the above Churches have acknowledged, with gratitude, the labors of Elder John F. McCall, our Itinerant.

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1844—1 o'clock.

The Board was called into session by President R. M. McRackan.

Appointed Brethren John Smith, N. L. Williamson, and Geo. W. Melvin, a Committee of Finance.

The following Churches and individuals came forward and paid the annexed amounts:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Melvin, | $5 00 | Macedonia Church, | $6 00 |
| Sam'l Dusenberry, | 5 00 | Elder John F. McCall, | 5 00 |
| Joseph Stanaland, | 5 00 | Shiloh Church, | 15 00 |
| William Matthews, | 5 00 | *Wm. B. Bullard,* | 2 00 |
| Dr. J. O. Hale, | 5 00 | Bethel Church, | 4 26 |
| Daniel Gore, | 5 00 | Mt. Zion Church, Columbus, | 3 00 |
| Elder F. Prevatt, | 7 50 | Western Prong Church, | 12 00 |
| *Z. Bullock,* | 5 00 | Cross Roads Church, | 1 50 |
| Fayetteville Church, | 15 00 | *George W. Lennon,* | 5 00 |
| Robt. M. McRackan, | 5 00 | F. D. Breece, | 2 00 |

Then proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows: R. M. McRackan, President; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer.

Appointed Brethren John Smith, N. L. Williamson, and Samuel Mims, a Committee on the selection of an Itinerant for the ensuing year.

The Executive Committee of past year having given entire satisfaction, was unanimously re-appointed.

Adjourned to Monday next.

Monday,—2 o'clock.

The Board came into session.

The Report of the Itinerant was read and received.

Committee on Finance reported.

The Committee on the selection of an Itinerant reported, that they had engaged the services of Elder John F. McCall. Report accepted, and the Committee discharged.

Agreed, that all settlements with Itinerants be referred to the Treasurer.

Agreed, that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee.

Agreed, that Bro. McCall omit visiting such Churches in the South Circuit as are disaffected, until the Committee appointed by the Association, shall have seen and conferred with them on the subject of Missions. Further agreed, that said Committee be requested to give Bro. McCall such instructions relative to the Itineracy as they shall deem most judicious for the present year.

Adjourned to time of the sitting of the next session of this Association.

ROBT. M. McRACKAN, *President.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Clerk.*

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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|---|---|---|
| Received | from Churches, individuals, &c., | $113 26 |
| Ditto | ditto J. F. McCall, | 52 76 |
| Ditto | ditto C. F. Association, Sabbath Collection, | 24 61½ |
| | | $190 63½ |

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN SMITH, *Chairman.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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|---|---|
| 1844.—Paid A. B. Stephens' Estate in full, | $20 37½ |
| Ditto William Ayres, in full, | 22 00 |
| Ditto John D. Coleman, in full, | 19 99½ |
| Ditto John F. McCall, balance in Treasury, | 128 26½ |

The present debt is $126 73½.

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF JOHN F. McCALL ON HIS ITINERACY IN CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

*Dear Brethren:* Owing to the cause of suspending Itinerant preaching during last year, every thing relative to Missions with us has undergone a material change,—a change not easily amended. Nothing but indefatigable zeal, with well concerted plans, will restore its condition. True, many have maintained a steady course; a few have increased exertions; but it is much to be deplored that many who professed to be friends of "ACTIVE BENEVOLENCE" are now manifestly defective therein: Notwithstanding such is the fact with professors, the work of the Lord is going on, though it progresses slowly; yet it is destined to triumph.

I have travelled for the Board 255 days, preached 309 Sermons, baptised 129 persons, and received from Churches and individuals only $123 70. I am, dear Brethren, with profound respect,

Yours in the Gospel,

JOHN F. McCALL.

## POST OFFICES OF THE PASTORS AND LICENTIATES.

W. Ayres, W. Bullard, J. F. McCall, and F. Prevatt, Leesville, Robeson Co., N. C.
Jordan Cobb, St. Paul's P. O., Robeson County, N. C.
N. Martin, Gaddysville P. O., Robeson County, N. C.
J. Stone, Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C.
T. Smith and E. Davis, Elizabeth Town, Bladen County, N. C.
Joel Little, B. Ward, and Joel Bennett, Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C.
H. Lennon, Big Swamp, Columbus County, N. C.
J. Mears and S. Suggs, Gum Swamp, Columbus County, N. C.
G. Parker, Porter Swamp, Columbus County, N. C.
W. Mints and S. T. Stanaland, Little River, S. C.
W. Vernon and E. Smith, Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C.
J. C. Averitt and H. Woodward, Fayetteville, N. C.
James McDaniel, Wilmington, N. C.
John Lee and A. King, Conwayborough, S. C.
Z. Bullock, Fair Bluff, Columbus County, N. C.
S. Dusenberry, Fullersville, S. C.

# CONSTITUTION OF CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

## ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES.

As the communion of Saints, so the communion of Churches, is a desirable blessing, to obtain and promote which ought to be the study and pleasure of all the people of God.

Churches formed on the Gospel plan are independent of each other relative to *power*, but the reverse in regard to *communion*. For if Saints in general have an indisputable right to participate in the gifts and graces of each other, so have Churches in a joint capacity.

In order to obtain the blessing of communion more fully, there ought to be a coalescing of several Churches into one body, so far as their local situation and other circumstances will admit. But as it is impracticable for all the individual members of the several Churches thus associated to attend, the better way by experience has been found to be, to represent by a delegation of the most able and pious of said Churches, particularly the Ministry, yet so as by no means to give the latter the ascendancy in point of numbers. Such an assemblage should be held annually at such times and places as would be most conducive to the great end proposed by said confederacy.

Such delegation, when convened, should keep in view their covenant for the promotion of Christ's cause in general, and the interest of the Churches they represent in particular.

Although such a combination of Churches is not expressly commanded in Scripture, yet it receives sufficient countenance and authority from the light of nature, and the general laws of society. as to leave without a doubt its propriety. There is one precedent established by *Apostolic authority*, recorded in Acts, chap. 15.

An Association thus formed is a respectable body: it represents not a city, country, or nation, but the Churches of Jesus Christ. It is by no means deemed a superior judicature, vested with coercive power or authority over the Churches; it presumes not to impose its sentiments on its constituents, under pain of excommunication; nor does it anathematize those who do not implicitly submit to its determinations,—which would be nothing less than spiritual tyranny, and better comport with the arbitrary spirit of *Popish Councils*, than with that meekness which characterises the humble followers of Christ. The *Apostles*, *Elders*, and *Brethren*, who composed the first Christian Council, presumed not to impose their decisions upon the Churches in a lordly manner, but prefaced their determinations with this modest introductory: "*It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.*" The Baptist Association assumes no higher a title than that of an *Advisory Council;* consistent with which epithet it ought always to act, when it acts at all, without infringing upon the rights of independent congregational Churches. Nevertheless, it hath a natural and unalienable right to judge for itself, what Churches shall be admitted into confederacy with it, and to withdraw from all such Churches as obstinately persist in holding corrupt principles, and doctrines incompatible with the New Testament, after proper and timely admonition has been given them.

The benefits arising from an association of Churches are many. In general, the truth, order, and discipline of the Gospel will be maintained. More particularly:

1. The Churches may have such doubts as arise amongst them removed, and avoid serious contentions.

2. They will invariably be furnished with salutary counsel.

3. Those Churches which have no Ministers, may be occasionally supplied with the word of life.

4. The Churches will be more closely united in promoting the cause and interest of Christ.

5. A sound and Evangelical Ministry will be encouraged, whilst that which is defective will be discountenanced.

6. Any member aggrieved through partiality or any other cause, may be reconciled.

7. Wherein a large party may withdraw from any Church by means of any obtruding Ministry, or otherwise, the aggrieved may seek redress.

8. Churches having candidates for the Ministry, may have them properly examined upon their qualifications.

These and other advantages arising from such an union of Churches, must induce every Godly Church to desire a conjunction with such a body.

## THE CONSTITUTION, OR FORM OF GOVERNMENT,

### *Of the Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

From a long series of experience, we, the Churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon the confession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches, in order to perpetuate an union and communion amongst us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union:—We therefore propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association, according to the following plan or form of government:

Article I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association; who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective Churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to a seat.

Art. II. In the letters from the different Churches, shall be expressed, their numbers in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead, since the last Association.

Art. III. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches; nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any Church in the Union.

Art. IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. V. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. VI. New Churches may be admitted into the Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates; and upon examination, (if found orthodox and orderly,) shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the Delegate the right hand of fellowship.

Art. VII. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only two members from each Church.

Art. VIII. Every quere presented by any member in the Association, shall be twice read; and before it be debated, the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, and be deliberated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. IX. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. X. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting that purpose, shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

Art. XI. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which, we think it the duty of each Church in the Union to contribute, voluntarily, such sums as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their Delegates, to the Association; and those moneys thus contributed by the Churches, and received by the Association, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received, and paid out, according to the direction of the Association.

Art. XII. The Minutes of the Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. XIII. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, (and corrected if need be,) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. XIV. Amendments to this plan or form of government, may be made at any time, by a majority of the Union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. XV. The Association shall have power,

1. To provide for the general union of the Churches.
2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication amongst the Churches.
3. To give the Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.
4. To inquire into the cause why the Churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in the Association.
5. To appropriate those moneys by the Churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper.
6. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business they may see proper.

7. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in this Union, which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of Religion.

8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the Ministry, as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, whom they shall judge necessary.

9. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches in the Union.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association, without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject, without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other terms or appellatives but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking, till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall have no vote himself, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

The Cape Fear Baptist Association primarily sprang from the Philadelphia Baptist Association, under the Ministry of Elders Miller and Vanhorn, of the State of New Jersey, Missionaries sent to the colonies in North Carolina, under the direction of said Association, to preach to them the unsearchable riches of Christ. These faithful servants of Jesus Christ, were the first to establish and preach the "Saints' final perseverance in grace" unto eternal life. Their labors were principally confined to the Eastern part of the State. In the hands of Divine Providence, they were instrumental in reforming many Churches, (first founded on the principles embraced by Free-Will Baptists,) particularly in Edgecombe, Halifax, Warren, Bertie, and Camden counties, about seven in number. These Churches in 1765, entered into compact, called the "Kehukee Baptist Association," and adopted the "Confession of Faith" published in London 1689. In 1782 Rules of Decorum were introduced by Elder Lemuel Burkill, and in 1789 a plan of government, both of which were adopted, and proves to be the original of ours. From the increase of Churches and inconveniency of attending Associations, it was deemed expedient to divide, and in 1790 a division was effected, giving rise to the Virginia and Portsmouth Association, with 19 Churches, still retaining 42. In 1793 this Association increased to 49 Churches, and 3440 communicants. During this year a second division was made, resulting in giving existence to the "Neuse Baptist Association," with 23 Churches. From this last Association sprang the Cape Fear Baptist Association, which was constituted in the year 1805, with the following Churches:* *Bladen County*—Beaver Dam, Big Swamp. *Columbus County*—Seven Creeks. *Brunswick County*—Livingston,† Lockwood's Folly.† *Cumberland County*—Cape Fear.† *Duplin County*—Bear Marsh,† Muddy Creek,† Limestone, and Nahungo. *New Hanover County*—Bull Tail,† Wilmington. *Onslow County*—Chapel Run, South West, Averitt's M. H. *Robeson County*—Ashepole,† Saddle Tree,† Bear Swamp. *Sampson County*—Coharie,† Seven Miles,† Mingo.† *Wayne County*—Thunder Swamp. *Ministry*—Job Goodman, Ezekiel Bryan, Job Thigpen, Silas Carter, John Gornto, Isham Pitman, Fleetwood Cooper, and Aaron Moore. David Grantham, licensed.

From 1805 to 1810, nothing can be given that is interesting, more than that the subject of Domestic Missions is warmly advocated, and annually some of the Ministry would visit the destitute Churches, for which they were compensated by the Association out of the Association Fund. In every age there have been found men, who, for the Glory of God and the salvation of sinners, have sacrificed their lives in the cause of Christ,—men who counted not their lives dear unto them, but gave themselves wholly to the work of the Lord. Such were found in this Association at its beginning.

The work of the Lord found enemies, which reduced his servants to the necessity of preparing a *Circular*, "on the peace and prosperity of Zion," of which the following is an extract: "It is obvious that many entertain an inveterate prejudice against paying the preachers for their services, and even hold those in *contempt* who receive wages of them that are taught in the word. Hence we have fallen into an erroneous habit which will not be easily relinquished; a remissness in supporting the Ministry, that we are apprehensive it will be extremely difficult to convince of its pernicious tendency so as to effect a reformation." Such indeed proved to be true;

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*If the Editor is incorrect in giving the list of Churches and Ministry, any one would confer a favor by forwarding him the original statistics, for which he would be very grateful.

†These Churches were dismissed from Kehukee Association.

these difficulties yet remain. Notwithstanding such opposition, the work went gradually on.

A correspondence was held with the Charleston, Neuse, Raleigh, and Flat River Associations, and many of the Ministers, while travelling to and from, would visit such Churches as were on their way. Many efforts were made by the Ministry to get in operation a system of Itineracy, which was approbated by a large portion of the Delegates; but from causes without number, it remained merely in a state of inactivity, until about 1814, when the subject of Foreign Missions was proposed to the consideration of the Baptists throughout the Union. The thinking, the pious, and the intelligent, readily embraced this work, and in May of same year, assembled in Philadelphia to concert measures for the propagation of the Gospel in the Burman Empire, and among the Indian tribes in the United States. Whereupon, this Association, with others, became auxiliaries to the Board, and all yielded a favorable countenance. In the year 1816, Foreign Missions engaged the entire attention of this body; a Corresponding Secretary and an Agent were appointed; sixty dollars were immediately raised during the Session, and Elder J. A. Ranaldson, former Secretary, reported the following:—

"The momentous subject of Evangelical Missions is found in almost every recent publication from the *Press*, whether religious, civil, or political. It has become the daily theme of the pulpit, has claimed the universal attention of religious Associations, and has reached the recesses of the cabinet. Christendom has waged spiritual war with the heathen world:—armed with the panoply of Heaven, and led by the captain of Salvation, she is marching on to victory, slaying her thousands with the edge of the sword! The rise and spread of Missionary and Bible institutions, are such as to create surprise and astonishment. The prospects are still brightening before us—the prospects of the near approach of the latter days, which kings and prophets desired to see! It appears from the signs of the times, that we live to see an *age* of *wonders*, a most memorable epoch of the Christian Church.

"In various parts of our country, very extensive and happy revivals have been realized among different denominations of christians. Hundreds have been added to the Churches; and in several colleges and other seminaries of learning, many of the promising youth have been made the happy subjects of this glorious revival. May we not cherish the hope, that God is about to raise up a great company to publish his Word among the heathen! The Redeemer's Kingdom is advancing. Truth is powerful; her weapons are invincible. We believe the day is not far distant when "the kingdoms of this world *shall* have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ." The Bible will, probably, soon be read in all the languages of the East, and be put in the hands of the poor.* "Righteousness shall go forth as a lamp that burneth:" Zion shall arise and shine with the glory of the Lord: the Gentiles shall come to her light, and kings to the brightness of her rising, when "she looketh forth as the *morning*, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

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* The Bible has been translated in forty-four different languages among the heathens, by Baptist Missionaries, and has distributed since its formation up to 1842, 529,510 volumes, and by this time there are 100,000 more ready. The poor of this country have in a great measure been supplied. ☞ This proves the truth of the above.

Although many were engaged in this very laudable work, it was opposed by some. It continued in a good state until about 1820, when some of the Ministry embraced the *non-mission* class, and from the *sacred pulpit* declared hostility to the spread of the Gospel, and denounced such as were engaged in this work as being "*money hunters*" and *pickpockets*, and wholly unworthy the notice and hospitality of christians. Thus the blow was made! Thus it was reiterated! Alas! it gained the ascendancy! and in 1825 the golden chain was broken.—The Secretary discharged and communications stopped.

It is due to every one then living, who were foremost in this good work, and took a prominent position, to say, they were still faithful to their trust, and, as individuals, annually contributed by some other channel of communication. These were overpowered by numbers and could have neither voice nor liberty in the matter.

The subject of "Feet Washing," as a *Church Ordinance*, was introduced in 1822, and on two occasions subsequently, to ascertain the views of the Churches generally, and perhaps to justify the practice as used by some, which was invariably answered in the negative.

Much anxiety had been manifested for a division of the Association, and in 1825 was proposed to the Churches for their consideration during the ensuing year. The line of division to begin at the mouth of Cape Fear River, thence up said River to the mouth of Black River, thence up said River to the mouth of Big Cohery, below Lisbon, thence up said River to its head.

The division was calmly and fairly investigated, and quite satisfactorily agreed on, according to the line above designated. That portion of the Association East of the line was called "Goshen Baptist Association," and comprised the following Churches, viz: Mingo, Cohery, Seven Mile, New Hope, Beulah, and Lisbon, *Sampson County;* Bear Marsh, Limestone, Muddy Creek, Nahungo, Island Creek, Meadow M. H., and Concord, *Duplin County;* Bulltail, Maple Hill, Riley's Creek, and Wilmington, *New Hanover County;* South West M. H., Yeope's M. H., and Chapel Run, *Onslow County.*—20.

The Cape Fear Baptist Association still retained the following Churches, viz: Ashpole, Saddle Tree, and Burnt Island, *Robeson County;* Beaver Dam, and Walker's Bluff, *Bladen County;* White Marsh, Seven Creeks, Beaver Dam, and Cross Roads, *Columbus County;* New Britain, and Mill Creek, *Brunswick County;* Cape Fear, *Cumberland County;* Bear Swamp, *Marion District, S. C.;* Honey Camp, *Horry District, S. C.*—14. *Ministry*—John Pitman, Job Goodman, and David Thames.

The expenses of the Association were defrayed by the whole, and the residue of the Association Fund was equally divided between the two Associations.

The Association, in its reduced and prostrated condition, was unable to effect any efficient measures for the relief of itself or that of others. However, in 1828, the subject of an Evangelical Ministry was encouraged, and resolutions adopted for the benefit and relief of travelling Ministers. A fund was eventually created and equally distributed amongst the Churches, to remunerate those who might visit and preach to them the unsearchable riches of Christ. In a short time the subject of Foreign Missions was introduced, and in 1832 became a contributor to the Baptist State Convention,—it has annually done a *little* towards some, or all, of its objects. About 1833 the Association cordially embraced "Benevolent Institutions," made efforts to advance the cause of Christ generally,—a strong desire was manifested that each Church should have preaching more regularly.

Notwithstanding the efforts made, it was very difficult to effect much good, owing to the *leaven* of opposition to good works. Many of the Churches in the Southern part of the Association declined representing for a while, owing entirely to the interest taken by a majority of the Churches in the "Institutions of the day." A committee of Ministers were sent to visit them, but it only calmed them for a while. It may be remarked, that such Churches were influenced by an *Anti-Missionary Minister*, who was permitted to continue with them long. It is justly due to the memory of Elder Solomon Reaves, that he was a devoted servant of Christ for about thirty years, and that his opposition to Missions was manifested in declining life. But these Churches, notwithstanding the loss of their Minister, are still disaffected, and have been the grand cause of the embarrassments of the Association and her Board of Domestic Missions.

The Association annually prepared a Circular until 1833, since which time *Reports* on various subjects have been substituted. The course of the Abolitionist Baptists at the North has been viewed as unfavorable to the interests of the Denomination in general, and unscriptural in the whole; and that they deserve the unqualified disapprobation of this body, both of their principles and movements.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Domestic Missions has been *the subject* for consideration more than fifty years, and is yet a weakling. Effort after effort has been made, and but little has been done. The Association in 1828 laid it before the Churches, praying their help—the prayer has been renewed annually. As the Association increased in number of Churches, so in strength, until in 1836, when Elder W. Ayres was employed to preach throughout her bounds; his labors were blessed. He was continued for a second, and even a third year, in the field,—such were the prospects for doing good that it was thought advisable to enter into a more efficient system of Missions: Whereupon, Elders T. Mason, Jas. McDaniel, and Brother Jas. S. Mims, drafted the following Constitution, which was unanimously adopted:—

## CONSTITUTION OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

The ministers and members of the Cape Fear Association, at their sessions of the year 1838, held at Bear Swamp church, seeing the blessed effects of their itinerant missionary operations, although as yet in their infancy, and without a regular system to sustain or support them, feel deeply their obligations to adopt a more regular and efficient system; to which end resolved to form a Misssionary Board, to be known and called the "Domestic Missionary Board of the Cape Fear Association," whose object shall be more efficiently to sustain the Itinerant Missionaries within the bounds of this Association; thereby to supply the destitute churches with the regular preaching of the gospel, and to rescue sinners from the dominion of Satan, and bring them to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Art. 1. Any church, benevolent society or individual contributing to the funds of the Board, at one time, five dollars, shall be entitled to one Representative in the Board for one year, and may continue to represent themselves in it, from year to year, as long as they pay this sum. If they contribute ten dollars, they are entitled to two members, and so on—one member for every five dollars paid—it being understood that the Representatives in the Board must be members in good standing in the Baptist church. The sum of thirty dollars paid at one time, shall constitute a life member.

Art. 2. This Board shall hold its annual meetings at the time and place of the Cape Fear Association—at which time it shall choose a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall continue in office one year and until others are appointed to fill their places.

Art. 3. No person shall be received by the Board as a Missionary but such as are united to a church of our faith and order, and about whose evangelical principles, piety, and qualifications, to be useful as a Minister of the Gospel, they are well satisfied.

Art. 4. It shall be obligatory on the Chairman and Secretary to perform the duties devolving on officers of the same grade in other well regulated deliberative assemblies. They should attend all the meetings of the Board; but in case of absence or inability, the Board may supply their places for the time being. In cases of emergency, the Chairman, with concurrence of the Secretary and Treasurer, may call a meeting of the Board. Five members of the Board shall form a quorum at any of its meetings.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and have in safe keeping, the funds of the Board committed to his care, and keep a fair account of all his transactions, subject to the inspection of the Board at all times. He shall pay out no money, except at the order of the Chairman; and when required, shall give bond and approved security for the amount of money in his hands. The Chairman shall only draw on him at the order of the Board: and in case of an emergency, the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Secretary and Treasurer, may call a meeting.

Art. 6. Any alterations or amendments which experience may dictate, may be made in these Rules, provided it is done at an annual meeting of the Board, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

The Association was immediately laid out in two circuits, the *North* and the *South*, and Itinerants employed for each. Eld. A. B. Stephens for the *North*, and Eld. A. King for the *South*. 1840, Eld. D. Hays in the *North;* Eld. A. King, *South*. 1841, the same, and Eld. W. Ayers to travel through both, to suit his convenience. Unhappily, the Ministry was not sustained by many of the Churches, which was a source of deep regret. Alas! the Ministry for 1842 was suspended. This was not owing to the want of zeal in the Ministry employed, but from the anxiety of warm-hearted brethren who depended upon the liberality of the Churches generally. Some of the Churches were well able to sustain double the amount, whilst others were able to do but little, yet none were so indigent as not to be able to sustain one Minister. *Oh covetousness!!* During the last year Elder Jno. F. McCall itinerated the Association, and the prospect at present is improving.

# A TABULAR VIEW

*Of Sessions and Officers of Cape Fear Association.*

| Years | Churches. | Moderators. | Clerks. | Assistant Clerks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1826 | Saddle Tree, | Job Goodman. | A. Morris. | J. Rhafield. |
| 1827 | Ashpole, | Ditto. | Jas. McDaniel. | David Thames. |
| 1828 | Porter Swamp, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| 1829 | Saw Mill, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Robert Melvin. |
| 1830 | Saddle Tree, | Ditto. | Ditto. | David Thames. |
| 1831 | Ashpole, | Ditto. | Luke R. Simmons. | S. Senter. |
| 1832 | Cross Road, | Solomon Reaves. | Ditto. | Wm. Kemp. |
| 1833 | Bear Swamp, | Charles McAllister. | Jas. McDaniel. | J. Ford. |
| 1834 | Cape Fear, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Robert Melvin. |
| 1835 | Ebenezer, | Samuel Mims. | Ditto. | Jas. S. Mims. |
| 1836 | Fair Bluff, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| 1837 | Ashpole, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| 1838 | Bear Swamp, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| 1839 | Pleasant Grove, | Ditto. | Ditto. | John Smith. |
| 1840 | Cross Roads, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Haynes Lennon. |
| 1841 | Seven Creeks, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| 1842 | Beaver Dam, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| 1843 | Macedonia, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. |
| 1844 | Ashpole, | Ditto. | Ditto. | Ditto. |

# A TABULAR

| CHURCHES AND COUNTIES. | TIME OF CONSTITUTION. | PRESBYTERS | PASTORS. | DEACONS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Robeson County.* | | | | |
| Ashpole, | 1788 to 1793. | Isham Pitman. | 1. Isham Pitman, 2. John Pitman. 3. D. Hays, 4. W. Ayres, 5. H. Lennon, 6. W. Ayres. | At present, A. Inman & Joseph Thompson. |
| Big Branch, | 1828 or 1829. | Job Goodman & John Pitman. | Job Goodman. | James Lewis. |
| Saddle Tree, | Previous 1788. | Thos. Brown and Benj. Mosely. | Jacob Tarver. | Elias Carlisle. |
| Providence, | 1835. | David Thames, John Munroe. | John Munroe. | Jordan H. Cobb. |
| Antioch, | 1817 or 1818. | | Elijah Reville. | |
| | 1842. | Was re-organized by H. Lennon. | | Geo. Warwick & M. Meares. |
| Pleasant Grove, | 1831. | J. Goodman and Wm. B. Allen. | J. Rogers. | John Townsend. |
| Ebenezer, | 1832. | Jas. McDaniel & G. Rollings. | Jas. McDaniel. | *A. Townsend & M. Barfield.* |
| Mount Eliam, | 1834. | Dennis Lennon, D. Hays. | D. Lennon. | Isham Stone. |
| Mount Pisgah, | 1839. | H. Woodward, J. F. McCall. | H. Woodward. | Jacob Thompson |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | 1803. | Wm. Thames & Wm. Cooper. | Wm. Cooper. | |
| Hickory Grove, | 1834. | D. Lennon and Elias Davis. | E. Davis. | Joseph Wood. |
| Shiloh, | 1839. | | | |
| Mount Pleasant, | 1833. | J. McDaniel and J. C. Gregg. | | |
| Walker's Bluff, | 1816. | | | |
| *Columbus County.* | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | Prior to 1800. | Wm. Cooper and Wm. Hawthorn. | Wm. Hawthorn. | |
| | | | Present, E Davis | J. M. Lennon & J. E. Lennon. |
| Seven Creeks, | 1803. | | Job Goodman. | |
| Mount Zion, | 1837. | T. G. Rogers, W. Nolen, W. Ayres and D. Lennon. | D. Lennon. | James Baldwin. |
| Beaver Dam, | Prior to 1820. | | | |
| Porter Swamp, | 1828. | | | |
| Pleasant Plains, | 1834. | Dennis Lennon. | John Summerset. | Joel Hill. |
| Iron Hill ✕ Roads, | 1831. | | | |
| Whiteville, | 1834. | D. Lennon. | | |
| Mount Tabor, | 1838. | W. Ayres and J. F. McCall. | John F. McCall. | Benj. Harrelson. |
| Macedonia, | 1839. | | H. Woodward. | Geo. Parker & E. H. Parker. |

## SYNOPSIS.

| CLERKS. | MINISTERS' NAMES AND TIME OF ORDINATION. | | TIME OF RECEPTION IN THE ASSOCIATION. | PARTICULARS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| H. Lennon, 1839.<br>A. B. Stephens, 1841.<br>G. Hill, 1843. | 1823.<br>1825.<br>1839.<br>1841.<br>1842. | Bennett Allen.<br>John Pitman.<br>A. B. Stephens.<br>Furney Prevatt.<br>Haynes Lennon. | Was first a member of Kehukee, then of Neuse. | 40 members were dismiss'd from Saddle Tree to form this previous to 1793. |
| John Herring. | | | 1829. | 1833, a Revival. |
| | 1798. | Wm. Hawthorn. | 1805. | Was a member of Kehukee Ass. 1789. |
| Elias Carlisle. | 1814 to '16. | Elijah Reville. | 1805. | |
| J. H. Cobb. | | | 1842. | |
| Benj. Freeman. | | | 1818. | |
| Wm. Townsend. | | | 1831. | |
| Benjamin Lee. | 1838. | Hez. Woodward. | 1832. | |
| Benj. Ivey. | 1843. | Isham Stone. | 1834. | |
| John Moore. | | | 1840. | Revivals, 1841 and 1843. |
| J. B. Singleterry. | | | 1834. | 1841, Baptised 100. |
| | | | 1839. | No history given. |
| | | | 1833. | |
| | | | 1816. | No. constituted, 45. |
| | 1827 to '31.<br>1832. | Dennis Lennon.<br>Elias Davis. | 1805. | Formerly Big Swamp. |
| | 1803. | Job Goodman. | 1805. | |
| J. Creech. | | | 1837. | |
| | | | Before 1820. | |
| | | | 1828. | No Church Book. |
| Jas. Beach. | 1839. | Joel Hill. | 1836. | |
| | | | 1831. | No. constituted, 40. |
| | | | 1834. | Divided in 1842. |
| Jas. Harrelson. | | | 1838. | |
| N. L. Williamson. | | | 1839. | |

# A TABULAR

| CHURCHES AND COUNTIES. | TIME OF CONSTITUTION. | PRESBYTERS | PASTORS. | DEACONS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Robeson County.* | | | | |
| Ashpole, | 1788 to 1793. | Isham Pitman. | 1. Isham Pitman, 2. John Pitman, 3. D. Hays. 4. W. Ayres, 5. H. Lennon, 6. W. Ayres. | At present, A. Inman & Joseph Thompson. |
| Big Branch, | 1828 or 1829. | Job Goodman & John Pitman. | Job Goodman. | James Lewis. |
| Saddle Tree, | Previous 1788. | Thos. Brown and Benj. Mosely. | Jacob Tarver. | |
| | | | | Elias Carlisle. |
| Providence, | 1835. | David Thames, John Munroe. | John Munroe. | Jordan H. Cobb. |
| Antioch, | 1817 or 1818. | | Elijah Reville. | |
| | 1842. | Was re-organized by H. Lennon. | | Geo. Warwick & M. Meares. |
| Pleasant Grove, | 1831. | J. Goodman and Wm. B. Allen. | J. Rogers. | John Townsend. |
| Ebenezer, | 1832. | Jas. McDaniel & G. Rollings. | Jas. McDaniel. | *A. Townsend & M. Barfield.* |
| Mount Eliam, | 1834. | Dennis Lennon, D. Hays. | D. Lennon. | Isham Stone. |
| Mount Pisgah, | 1839. | H. Woodward, J. F. McCall. | H. Woodward. | Jacob Thompson |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | 1803. | Wm. Thames & Wm. Cooper. | Wm. Cooper. | |
| Hickory Grove, | 1834. | D. Lennon and Elias Davis. | E. Davis. | Joseph Wood. |
| Shiloh, | 1839. | | | |
| Mount Pleasant, | 1833. | J. McDaniel and J. C. Gregg. | | |
| Walker's Bluff, | 1816. | | | |
| *Columbus County.* | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | Prior to 1800. | Wm. Cooper and Wm. Hawthorn. | Wm. Hawthorn. | |
| | | | Present, E Davis | J. M. Lennon & J. E. Lennon. |
| Seven Creeks, | 1803. | | Job Goodman. | |
| Mount Zion, | 1837. | T. G. Rogers, W. Nolen, W. Ayres and D. Lennon. | D. Lennon. | James Baldwin. |
| Beaver Dam, | Prior to 1820. | | | |
| Porter Swamp, | 1828. | | | |
| Pleasant Plains, | 1834. | Dennis Lennon. | John Summerset. | Joel Hill. |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads, | 1831. | | | |
| Whiteville, | 1834. | D. Lennon. | | |
| Mount Tabor, | 1838. | W. Ayres and J. F. McCall. | John F. McCall. | Benj. Harrelson. |
| Macedonia, | 1839. | | H. Woodward. | Geo. Parker & E. H. Parker. |

# SYNOPSIS.

| CLERKS. | MINISTERS' NAMES AND TIME OF ORDINATION. | | TIME OF RECEPTION IN THE ASSOCIATION. | PARTICULARS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1823. | Bennett Allen. | Was first a member of Kehukee, then of Neuse. | 40 members were dismiss'd from Saddle Tree to form this previous to 1793. |
| H. Lennon, 1839. | 1825. | John Pitman. | | |
| A. B. Stephens, 1841. | 1839. | A. B. Stephens. | | |
| G. Hill, 1843. | 1841. | Furney Prevatt. | | |
| | 1842. | Haynes Lennon. | | |
| John Herring. | | | 1829. | 1833, a Revival. |
| | 1798. | Wm. Hawthorn. | 1805. | Was a member of Kehukee Ass. 1789. |
| Elias Carlisle. | 1814 to '16. | Elijah Reville. | 1805. | |
| J. H. Cobb. | | | 1842. | |
| Benj. Freeman. | | | 1818. | |
| Wm. Townsend. | | | 1831. | |
| Benjamin Lee. | 1838. | Hez. Woodward. | 1832. | |
| Benj. Ivey. | 1843. | Isham Stone. | 1834. | |
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| | | | 1834. | Divided in 1842. |
| Jas. Harrelson. | | | 1838. | |
| N. L. Williamson. | | | 1839. | |

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| Mount Moriah, | 1841. | A. King, J. Bennett, J. Hill. | Joel Bennett. | Henry Mitchell. |
| White Marsh, | 1801. | | E. Bryan. | |
| Western Prong, | 1843. | Wm. Ayres and H. Lennon. | H. Lennon. | John Ellis. |
| *Brunswick County.* | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Prior to 1820. | | Abs. Robbins. | |
| New Britain, | 1804. | Abram Baker. | A. Baker. | |
| Shaloate, | 1837. | John Woodward and A. King. | A. Robbins. | Willis D. Sellars. |
| Beulah, | 1837. | Wm. Ayres and A. King. | Abel King. | Willis D. Sellars. |
| Livingston, | 1765. | Ezekiel Hunter. | E. Hunter. | |
| Cheerful Hope, | 1839. | Jas. L. Warren & A. C. Repiton. | | Jas. Ellis and E. Smith. |
| Mount Pisgah, | 1838. | Wm. Ayres and A. King. | A. King. | A. Clemmons & J. Holden. |
| Bethel, | 1839. | Thos. Mason and A. King. | A. King. | |
| Lockwood's Folly, | Prior to 1765. | | E. Hunter. | |
| *Cumberland County* | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | Prior to 1794. | | 1. Wm. Thames, 2. J. A. Ranaldson, 3. D Thames 4. Jas. McDaniel, 5. D. Thames, 6. J. C. Averitt. | |
| Fayetteville, | 1837. | D. S. Williams & J. McDaniel. | J. McDaniel. | S. Mims, A. Jessup & J. Jessup. |
| Union, | 1836. | | | |
| Concord, | 1842. | H. Woodward & W.Hollingsworth | H. Woodward. | W. Nunnery. |
| *Marion Dist., S. C.* | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | 1831. | S. Senter, J. M. Thomas, Jesse Rogers & J. Allwood. | | D. Townsend & M. Watson. |
| Saw Mill, | Prior to 1810. | | | |
| *Horry Dist., S. C.* | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | 1807. | S. Reaves and J. Goodman. | S. Reaves. | Josiah Harrelson. |
| Good Hope, | 1829. | | John Lee. | |
| Spring Branch, | 1830. | J. M. Thomas & J. Rogers. | J. Rogers. | Ab'm Journigan. |
| Salem, | 1836. | | | |
| Buck Creek, | 1835. | | John Lee. | |
| Sharon, | 1835. | D. McKay and J. Singleton. | D. McKay. | Wm. Edge. |
| Simpson's Creek, | 1830. | S. Reaves and J. Ethridge. | | John G. Gore. |
| Mount Zion, | 1843. | J. Woodward, J. Bennett and S. Dusenberry. | J. Woodward. | |

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| D. Formyduval. | | | 1841. | |
| | 1801. | Ezekiel Bryan. | 1810 to 1815. | Br'ch of Livingston. |
| R. Wooten. | | | 1843. | |
| | | Arthur Robbins. | 1816 to 1820. | |
| | 1841. | Joel Bennett. | 1816 to 1820. | Re-organized 1826. |
| W. T. Ellsworth. | | | 1837. | |
| Wm. Chalker. | | | 1838. | |
| | | | 1805. | Extinct in 1816. |
| J. B. Ellis. | | | 1839. | |
| M. Hewett. | | | 1839. | |
| R. M. McRackan. | | | 1840. | |
| | | | 1805. | Recovenanted 1797 |
| | Prior to 1812. | J. A. Ranaldson & Jesse Thomas. | 1805. | |
| | 1815. | David Thames. | | |
| | 1828. | Jas. McDaniel. | | |
| | 1843. | Jas. C. Averitt. | | |
| R. McDaniel. | 1842. | Jas. S. Mims. | 1838. | |
| | | | 1836. | Extinct in 1838. |
| M. Autry. [illegible] | | | 1842. | |
| | 1835. | Wm. Ayres. | | |
| | 1843. | S. Dusenberry. | | |
| M. Harrelson. | | P. Griffin. | 1822. | |
| | 1838. | J. F. McCall. | | |
| | | | 1829. | |
| W. Journigan. | | | 1830. | |
| | | | 1836. | Dismissed, 1842. |
| | | | 1835. | |
| D. M. Edge. | | | 1835. | |
| Thomas Todd. | | | 1831. | |
| Wm. L. Dubois. | | | 1843. | |

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Would the Churches be pleased with a more lengthy detail of each? Would the Church have a biographical sketch of their departed Ministers? If so, give the materials complete to the next Association.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AT

## BEAR SWAMP MEETING HOUSE,

MARION DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA,

OCTOBER 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th,

1845.

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# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 3, 1845.

The Introductory was delivered by Elder Furney Prevatt, from 2d Peter, 5th chapter, 5th verse: "Be clothed with humility."

After an intermission of fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator of last session, S. Mims. Prayer by Bro. H. Lennon.

Bro. R. McDaniel was appointed Clerk, *pro tem.*, and H. Lennon, Assistant Clerk.

The Committee of Finance was announced, consisting of N. L. Williamson, Wm. Matthews, and Wm. Young.

Called for the Church Letters. Enrolled the names of the Delegates, and entered the Statistics.

Received two newly constituted Churches, viz: Union, *Brunswick County, N. C.—Presbyter, Elder W. Ayres;* and Cedar Creek, *Cumberland County, N. C.—Presbyters, Elders J. C. Averitt and Hezekiah Woodward.*

Elected the following Officers for the ensuing year: Samuel Mims, Moderator; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer; and Randal McDaniel, Assistant Clerk.

An invitation was then extended to Corresponding and Visiting Brethren; whereupon, Bro. John D. Coleman, a Correspondent from the Welsh Neck Association, came forward and took a seat. Elder Robert McNabb, Agent for Wake Forest College, from Union Association, also accepted a seat.

Appointed the following Committees: On selecting Preachers for the Stage during the Session—W. Ayres, N. L. Williamson, W. Matthews, and the Deacons of the Church at this place. On Arrangements—S. Mims, H. Lennon, and R. McDaniel. On Special Changes—R. McDaniel, John M. Beasley, and Jacob Thompson. On preparing a Digest of the State of Religion in the Association, from the Church Letters—H. Lennon, John M. Beasley. On preventing the sale of Ardent Spirits, or any other article, at or near the Association Ground during the Session—N. Bullock, T. P. Watson, M. Watson, Joel Grainger, and E. B. Ford. On Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations—M. Autry, John G. Sutton, and S. T. Stanaland. On the selection of Corresponding Messengers—A. McMillan, John Ellis, and W. B. Bullard. On Wake Forest College—Robert McNabb, John D. Coleman, and John F. McCall. On the Baptist State Convention—John D. Coleman, R. McNabb, W. Ayers, John M. Beasley, and C. Reaves. On the importance of the diffusion of religious Books—R. McDaniel, S. Mims, and John Moore. On the examination of aspirants for Ordination—W. Ayers, A. King, H. Lennon, F. Prevatt, R. McNabb, John D. Coleman, and J. F. McCall. On Ministerial Location—S. T. Stanaland, W. Ayers, and I. Stone. On the propriety of preparing a Biographical Sketch of the departed Ministry of this Association—John F. McCall, E. Carlisle, and G. Cobb. On the condition of the Churches as stated in their Letters—G. W. Lennon, N. L. Williamson, and J. O. Hale.

Agreed that all aspirants for Ordination, sent up to this Session, be requested to come before the Committee on to-morrow, 3 o'clock P. M.

Agreed that any four Ministers on the Committee of examination of aspirants, be considered a quorum, to examine any aspirant for the ensuing year.

Agreed to alter the time of the session of this Association to the Friday before the 4th Sunday in October.

Agreed that the next Session of this Association be at Porter Swamp, Columbus County, N. C., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October 1846. A. King to preach the Introductory Sermon,—John F. McCall his Alternate. Services to commence at half past 10 o'clock A. M.

Appointed H. Lennon to preach the Charity Sermon at 12 o'clock on Sabbath, at next Session of this Association.

Agreed to have 1300 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

Adjourned to Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by A. King.

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by S. Dusenberry.

Called for the Report on the condition of the Churches. Report received, and referred to Brethren H. Lennon, J. F. McCall, W. Ayers, A. King, and J. Stone, for their consideration, and to give such advice as in their judgment will ameliorate their present condition.

An invitation was given by the Moderator to Visiting Brethren, upon which Brethren G. Reaves, C. Reaves, and W. D. Martin, from the Welsh Neck Association, and James C. Davis, from the Pee Dee Association, came forward and accepted seats.

Agreed that an opportunity now be given to Bro. McNabb to lay before this body the object of his Agency: whereupon, Bro. McNabb addressed the Association upon the present embarrassments of the Wake Forest College, and solicited aid from all present.

Called for and received a verbal statement from the Committee sent during the last year to resuscitate those Churches opposed to the movements of this body.

Suspended the business of the Association for the necessary time for a session of the Board of Itineracy.

Resumed the business of the Association.

Whereas, the neatness with which our Minutes have for a number of years been edited, demands for the Editor the tribute of our fraternal regard:

*Therefore Resolved*, That we, the members composing the body of the Cape Fear Baptist Association, do cherish with the fondest recollection the past services of our beloved brother, James McDaniel. And while we have cause to lament the loss of one so dear to us, we are much encouraged to hope and believe, that he may, by the hand of Divine Providence, return again.

*Resolved, furthermore*, That we forward to him six copies of these Minutes.

Ordered, that all moneys sent up to the Association for the Baptist State Convention, be paid to the Committee of Finance.

Committee on the selection of Corresponding Messengers reported: Elder F. Prevatt and John Moore, to the Pee Dee Association; Elder S. Dusenberry, N. Martin, and J. O. Hale, to the Welsh Neck Association.

Whereas, we desire a correspondence with the Union Association:

*Therefore Resolved*, That we manifest our love and regard for that Association by sending Brethren A. King and S. T. Stanaland as our Messengers.

On motion, suspended business a few moments for the meeting of the Bible Society. After which

The Association adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by W. B. Bullard.

## SABBATH.

The morning was rather unpleasant, yet a large congregation was in attendance. A. King opened the services by singing and prayer. R. McNabb then preached, from John, xvii, 3: "And this life is eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." W. Ayers immediately followed, with a discourse founded on Rom., x, 15: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent." After which a collection was taken up and a short intermission given.

H. Lennon followed, and preached from Ps., lxviii, 1, 2 and 3: "Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish in the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice." The services were solemn and weighty, and it is to be hoped that much good will result.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by S. T. Stanaland.

Invited Bro. W. Phillips, from the Welsh Neck Association, and D. Hays, from the Pee Dee Association, to seats with us.

Called for and read the Report on Special Changes. Report ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Committee on Corresponding Associations reported. Report received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Committee on Wake Forest reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on the condition of the Churches reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on the importance of the diffusion of religious Books, reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on the propriety of preparing a Biographical Sketch of the departed Ministry of this Association, reported,—was accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Agreed that the Committee on the Digest of Church Letters be allowed to prepare the same at their leisure.

*Resolved*, That this Association adopt it as a uniform rule, annually to have a Digest of Church Letters prepared, and appended to the Minutes.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That we, the Cape Fear Baptist Association, do highly approve the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Committee of Baptist State Convention reported. Report received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on Ministerial Location reported. Report received, and referred to the Clerk for such disposition as he may deem most suitable.

Committee of Finance reported. Report received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Ministerial Committee on the examination of aspirants for Ordination, reported. Report received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Ordered, that the Chairman of the Financial Committee pay into the hands of the Clerk and Treasurer the amount of money by him reported.

Ordered, that the Treasurer defray the entire expenses connected with the preparation of these Minutes, and the editing of the History of this Association for the Churches: also advance $3 62 3-4 to the Delegates appointed to the Baptist State Convention, and pay the residue of the Association Fund to the Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board for Cape Fear Association.

Delegated to the Baptist State Convention Brethren H. Lennon and John G. Powell.

*Resolved*, That this Association observe the Friday before the first Sunday in March next as a day of Fasting and Prayer for a revival of Religion in the Association.

Agreed, that the Clerk correct the Minutes and Reports of this Association.

Voted, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the hospitable entertainment furnished during the Session.

Adjourned. Valedictory remarks, hymn, and prayer, by H. Lennon.

S. MIMS, *Moderator*.

HAYNES LENNON, *Clerk*.

# APPENDIX.

## *REPORT of Financial Committee.*

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| Remaining in Treasury last year, - - | | $3 10 |
| Received from the Churches this year, - - | | 67 77 |
| Collection on Sabbath for Missions, - - | | 18 15 |
| Sent up for the use of the Baptist State Convention: | | |
| For Home Missions, - - - | $3 56 | |
| Foreign Missions, - - - | 2 81 | |
| | | 6 37 |
| | | $95 39 |

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman*.

## *REPORT on Minutes of Corresponding Associations.*

We have only seen and examined the Minutes of Welsh Neck Association, and feel happy in saying that the Churches of this Association are active and benevolent. They have two Itinerants in the field. Many of the Churches complain of coldness in Religion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. AUTRY, *Chairman*.

## *REPORT on Special Changes.*

The Committee have the unspeakable pleasure to report, that so far as they are able to learn, no special changes (either with regard to Ministers or prominent members of past Associations,) have taken place during the last Associational year.

Respectfully submitted.

R. McDANIEL, *Chairman*.

| CHURCHES AND COUNTIES. | When Constituted. | DELEGATES. | Baptised | Rec'd by Letter | Restored | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Dead | Total | Assoc'n Fund | BISHOPS. | DAYS OF MEETING. | LICENTIATES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole | 1793† | W. AYERS, Elias Pitman, H. Bullock, Jr. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | 160 | 3 00 | W. Ayers | 3d Sabbath | | Leesville, N. C. |
| Antioch | 1817 | M. Mears, G. Warwick, Jas. Blount* | 1 | 7 | .. | 7 | 5 | .. | 124 | 2 00 | H. Lennon | 1st Sabbath | | Lumberton, N. C. |
| Big Branch | 1829 | JOHN F. MCCALL, *W. B. Bullard*, J. Barnes. | 3 | 5 | .. | 2 | 7 | .. | 77 | 1 50 | Jno. F. McCall. | 3d Sabbath | W. B. Bullard | Leesville. |
| Ebenezer | 1832 | A. Watters, J. F. Varnum, Jas. Lewis, Sr.* | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 70 | 1 00 | F. Prevatt | 1st Sabbath | | Ditto. |
| Mount Eliam | 1834 | ISHAM STONE, John Hill, Elias Stone | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 47 | 1 50 | I. Stone | 4th Sabbath | | Lumberton. |
| Mount Pisgah | 1839 | FURNEY PREVATT, J. Thompson, J. Moore | 4 | 1 | .. | 3 | 5 | 3 | 94 | 2 00 | F. Prevatt | 2d Sabbath | | Ditto. |
| Saddle Tree | 1788† | J. A. Rosier,* E. Carlisle, John Carlisle | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 33 | 1 75 | Ditto | 4th Sabbath | | Ditto. |
| Providence | 1835 | Gray Cobb, A. McMillan | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 43 | 1 50 | | | Jordan H. Cobb | St. Paul's, N. C. |
| Pleasant Grove | 1831 | N. Martin, W. Pittman, E. Bullock* | 2 | .. | .. | 4 | 4 | .. | 70 | 1 10 | | | N. Martin | Gaddysville, N. C. |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam | 1803 | R. Melvin, Sr.* G. W. Melvin* W. A. Melvin* | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 5 | 2 | 179 | 3 00 | W. Ayers | 1st Sabbath. | Thomas Smith | Elizabeth Town, N. C. |
| Brier Branch | 1844 | Jonathan Jones, Jno. Cain, W. W. Hervey | 15 | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | 113 | 2 00 | Ditto | 4th Sabbath | | Ditto. |
| Hickory Grove | 1834 | E DAVIS,* J. G. Freeman, R. M. Sessums | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 69 | 1 22 | E. Davis | 4th Sabbath | | Ditto. |
| Shiloh | 1839 | John Munroe, Wm. Young, J. Sikes | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 81 | 2 00 | W. Ayers | 1st Sabbath | | Prospect Hall, N. C. |
| White Lake | 1833 | John G. Sutton, D. Bullard, H. Wilkinson* | 6 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 52 | 2 00 | Ditto | 4th Sabbath | | Elizabeth Town. |
| *Columbus County.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam | 1820† | E. Hinson, John Mercer, E. Cartright* | 4 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 118 | 1 83 | | 3d Sabbath | Joel Little | Gum Swamp, N. C. |
| Cross Roads | 1800† | L. B. Lennon, C. McColskey, J. M. Kellihan | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 1 | 119 | 2 25 | E. Davis | 3d Sabbath | | Big Swamp, N. C. |
| Iron Hill ✕ Roads | 1831 | John Mills, John W. Gore,* John Todd | 4 | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 114 | 1 50 | | 4th Sabbath. | John Meares | Gum Swamp. |
| Macedonia | 1839 | *G. Parker*, N. L. Williamson, B. Williams | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 69 | 2 00 | | | G. Parker | Porter Swamp, N. C. |
| Mount Moriah | 1841 | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | |
| Mount Tabor | 1838 | B. Harrelson, E. Phipps, J. Harrelson | 7 | .. | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 50 | 50 | | 2d Sabbath | | Fair Bluff, N. C. |
| Mount Zion | 1837 | J. Baldwin, *D. J. Ray*, S. Sasser* | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 43 | 1 10 | H. Lennon | 2d Sabbath | D. J. Ray | Whiteville, N. C. |
| Pleasant Plains | 1834 | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | 4th Sabbath. | | White Marsh, N. C. |
| Porter Swamp | 1828 | Abs. Powell, D. Coleman, P. Coleman* | 10 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | 106 | 2 00 | W. Ayers | 2d Sabbath | | Porter Swamp. |
| Seven Creeks | 1803 | Needham Stephens, J. Long,* J. Faulk* | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 72 | 1 50 | John Lee | 4th Sabbath. | | Gum Swamp. |
| Western Prong | 1843 | Haynes Lennon, John Ellis, Jas. Jordan | 8 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 1 85 | H. Lennon | 4th Sabbath. | | Western Prong, N. C. |
| *Brunswick Co.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel | 1839 | L. Wescoat, A. Evans, R. M. McRackan* | 9 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | 69 | 1 00 | W. Ayers | 3d Sabbath | | Smithville, N. C. |
| Beulah | 1837 | S. T. Stanaland, H. Stanaland, W. Matthews | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 49 | 1 50 | J. Bennett | 3d Sabbath | S. T. Stanaland | Little River, S. C. |
| Cheerful Hope | 1839 | E. Smith, *G. W. Lennon* | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | 34 | 1 50 | Ditto | 3d Sabbath | G. W. Lennon, E. Smith. | Taylor's P. O., N. C. |
| Mill Creek | 1820† | S. S. Mints, H. Flowers, Joel Reaves* | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 32 | 1 00 | | 2d Sabbath | | |
| Mount Pisgah | 1838 | M. Hewitt,* A. Clemmons, J. Holden | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 108 | 1 25 | A. King | 4th Sabbath. | | Smithville. |
| New Britain | 1804 | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | |
| Shaloate | 1837 | *Wm. Mints*, J. W. Mints,* J. C. Stanaland | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 79 | 1 15 | J. Bennett | 2d Sabbath | W. Mints | Shaloate, N. C. |
| Union | 1845 | C. V. Fulwood, James Bell,* U. W. Bourk | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 | 1 00 | W. Ayers | | | |

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| *Cumberland Co.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear | 1794† | James Butler, C. Tyson | 5 | .. | 3 | 36 | 1 | 6 | 181 | 2 00 | Jno. F. McCall. | 4th Sabbath. | Fayetteville, N. C. |
| Cedar Creek | 1844 | J. C. AVERITT,* J. F. Tolar, S. L. Thagard | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 29 | 1 50 | J. C. Averitt | | Ditto. |
| Concord | 1842 | M. Autry, Thomas Beney, H. Jones* | 7 | 2 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 55 | 1 00 | H. Woodward. | 1st Sabbath. | Ditto. |
| Fayetteville | 1837 | S. Mims, R. McDaniel, John M. Beasley | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 320 | 3 00 | | | Ditto. |
| *Marion Dis. S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp | 1831 | S. DUSENBERRY, M. Watson, W. Hill | 1 | 4 | .. | 1 | 3 | 2 | 184 | 3 00 | S. Dusenberry. | 2d Sabbath. | Allen's Bridge, S. C. |
| Saw Mill | 1810† | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | 1st Sabbath. | Ditto. |
| *Horry Dist., S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem | 1844 | T. D. Todd,* Wm. Todd,* R. I. Todd | 4 | 1 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 23 | 1 00 | | | |
| Buck Creek | 1835 | J. Smith,* J. Bellemee, I. Long | 12 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 35 | 2 00 | John Lee | 2d Sabbath. | Conwayborough, S. C. |
| Good Hope | 1829 | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | Ditto | 3d Sabbath. | Ditto. |
| Honey Camp | 1807 | R. Prince, W. Hardee, J. Harrelson | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 69 | 81 | | 2d Sabbath. | Richard Prince | Ditto. |
| Mount Zion | 1843 | Wm. Edge, Wm. Fulwood | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 | 1 00 | J. Woodward. | 1st Sabbath. | Ditto. |
| Sharon | 1835 | A. KING, C. Todd, J. B. Edge | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 58 | 1 00 | A. King | 2d Sabbath. | Little River. |
| Simpson's Creek | 1830 | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | Ditto | 1st Sabbath. | Conwayborough. |
| Spring Branch | 1830 | *Z. Bullock, D. B. Ayers,* J. Grainger | 21 | 2 | .. | 10 | 2 | .. | 156 | 3 00 | W. Ayers | 2d Sabbath. | D. B. Ayers, Z. Bullock | Fair Bluff, N. C. |

†Previously. *Absent. ☞ The Churches will please give in their Letters to the next Association the following items: The Number of Members (white and colored,) Temperance Societies, Bible Societies, Bible Classes, Prayer Meetings, Licensed Ministers, their Pastors, Post Offices, all Ministers departed this life belonging to them at their death.

## *REPORT of Committee on the Importance of the Diffusion of Religious Books.*

Your Committee have learned, from the Report of last year on the same subject, that the want of such Books was greatly felt; that want has much increased. Our Churches cannot even procure Sabbath School Libraries short of sending to Baltimore, unless they patronise the Depositories of other denominations. Your Committee of last year could recommend to your patronage a Depository at Wilmington, N. C., under the superintendence of Rev. A. J. Battle. But alas! it has been broken up.

Your Committee, in view of the above, are of opinion that a Depository, within the reach of all our Churches, is absolutely and indispensably necessary, and therefore would respectfully submit the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That we, the Churches composing this Association, when in want of any religious books, will patronise universally any *Baptist* who may feel disposed to establish a Depository at Wilmington, N. C., or at any point convenient to the Churches.

Respectfully submitted.

R. McDANIEL, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on the Propriety of preparing a Biographical Sketch of the Departed Ministry.*

Your Committee are of opinion that such a work should be accomplished, and that it should be connected with the History of this Association:

*Therefore, Resolved,* That the Churches give the subject mature consideration during the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. McCALL, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Ministerial Committee on the Examination of Aspirants for Ordination.*

Your Committee have, in the fear of God and with an eye single to His glory and honor, examined Brethren Zadok Bullock, David J. Ray, Darius B. Ayers, and George W. Lennon, on their call to the Ministry, and beg leave to make the following Report:

1. We believe that Bro. Bullock feels it deeply impressed on his mind to exercise his gift, and we trust that his Church, and the brethren generally, will encourage him in his labors of love: We nevertheless doubt the expediency of ordaining him to the Ministry at present.

We would very affectionately recommend him to persevere in striving to obtain more information on doctrine, and the general principles of the Bible, &c. We cherish *this* hope, that he will at some future period be ripe for ordination.

2. Relative to Bro. Ray, we advise the same as above.

3. We recommend that Brethren Lennon and Ayers be ordained to the work of the Ministry.

And now, dear Brethren, permit us, from a feeling sense of our duty, to submit the foregoing.

WILLIAM AYERS, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Examination of the Condition of Churches.*

Your Committee are of opinion that much lukewarmness prevails *generally* throughout the Association: that a heavy responsibility rests on the advocates of Zion: that the Ministry should make an extraordinary effort to awake the Churches to their duties in general: that there should be more self-denial on the part of all: that every Church should have a regular and devoted Ministry. But let these matters be well attended, and we have no doubt much good will result.

COMMITTEE.

## *REPORT of Committee on the N. Carolina Baptist State Convention.*

This Institution has three objects in view. 1. The employment of as many Missionaries to travel and preach through the State as their means will allow. 2. The Education of promising young men for the Ministry. 3. The sending of the Gospel to the Heathen that are perishing for lack of knowledge. The friends of Zion in our State, knowing that "union is strength," and that concert of action is necessary to success in any great and laudable undertaking, resolved a number of years ago to meet and organize the Baptist State Convention. For several years the Convention annually received liberal contributions for the support of the Home Mission Department. And therefore they kept several Missionaries in the field. Those who, under discouraging circumstances, met in Greenville when the Convention held its first meeting, love to contemplate the good that has been effected through the instrumentality of the Missionaries thus sent out into the hedges and bye-ways. The Gospel was preached by them in several counties where the people had seldom heard a Baptist Minister. Many Churches were raised up; weak and feeble ones were revived and strengthened; numerous revivals, during the time, originated under their labors; and hundreds of souls were, through their instrumentality, brought to the knowledge of the truth.

The Convention is as desirous now as they ever were to send Missionaries out into the field, and they have no doubt of a similar result—but alas! they have not been enabled to do so during the last several years, for want of funds. Brethren, can we consent to have the energies of the Convention thus crippled? If we are unwilling it should, then let us for the future strive to influence the several Churches to which we belong to send up more Delegates and more liberal contributions.

We deem it simply necessary to state, that the Education Department stands equally as much in need of funds. At present the Education Board have under their care four young men who are preparing for the Ministry; and the Board being embarrassed, we see not how they can prosecute their studies, unless the Churches will lend their aid. The sympathy of our people seems to be more excited on behalf of the Heathen, and hence the Foreign Mission Department is more liberally supported than the Home Mission. It may, however, be said, that the former is also much in need of funds. And we presume that none of us can feel indifferent concerning the melancholy condition of those millions of Heathen who have never heard of Jesus. In conclusion, we offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the consideration of the different Churches the necessity of doing something for one or all of the objects of the Baptist State Convention.

COMMITTEE.

## *REPORT on Wake Forest College.*

The Committee on the Wake Forest College give it as their opinion, that the friends of Education in general, in both the Carolinas, take a deep interest in the future prosperity of this Institution. It may be said, that though it has been in existence only a few years, it has effected much good. To say nothing of the number of young men that have left the Institution much better qualified to take charge of Schools than they were before they went there, it should be recollected that a goodly number of Brethren in the Ministry have cultivated their minds at the place, to an extent which renders their services acceptable to all communities. We trust that none will accuse us of saying, that a finished education is a pre-requisite for usefulness in the Ministry. We rejoice to know, on the contrary, that many have been eminently useful that have not enjoyed such advantages. Though some of the former are cast in the shade (as far as usefulness is concerned,) by self-made men, it must nevertheless in our opinion be conceded by all, that the services of educated Ministers are frequently needed, to detect and expose the sophistry employed by individuals disposed to give success to various errors, at the expense of the cause of truth and righteousness. Other denominations are making sacrifices to elevate similar institutions under their patronage. And shall it be said that the Baptists of North and South Carolina will refuse to profit by their example. We appeal to the Brethren within our bounds to lend their aid in this good work. This Association for many years has done much for the promotion of all the benevolent institutions of the day. And shall it be said that they will now fail to do their part? Brethren, we hope better things, though we thus speak. In the opinion of your Committee, the Baptists should at once relieve the College from debt, because it has an eye to the improvement of the Ministry; because the Institution (unless the effort is speedily made,) will in a few years be sold to liquidate the debt; and because it would evidently be a lasting reproach to our denomination to let the College sink.

In conclusion, your Committee would beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Brethren within our bounds to contribute for the relief of the College; and that our Ministers be specially requested to present its claims on all suitable occasions.

2. *Resolved*, That the Baptists in both the Carolinas should send their sons to the Wake Forest College in preference to sending them elsewhere,—and thus patronise an Institution which they profess to regard as being essentially necessary in a great degree to the future prosperity of our denomination.

R. McNABB, *Chairman.*

### *A DIGEST of the State of Religion as indicated by the Church Letters.*

*Ashpole.*—This Church is now destitute of a Pastor. There is much peace and love. Discipline is well administered.

*Antioch.*—There is a good state of things when compared with former years. There is a manifest improvement in their character. H. Lennon is their Supply.

*Beaver Dam, Columbus County.*—This Church has no Pastor;—feels grateful for the blessings of union and love.

*Beaver Dam, Bladen County.*—W. Ayers is their Supply. In matters of religion, rather stationary.

*Bear Swamp*—seems to be under no pastoral care. Communicates nothing important.

*Beulah*—has been under the care of J. Bennett;—is looking forward to a day when there will be more love and peace.

*Big Branch*—communicates nothing special. F. Prevatt is their Pastor.

*Brier Branch.*—Accounts are less cheering than those of last year, yet there is a good state existing. The Brethren mutually unite in their Prayer Meetings.

*Bethel*—states nothing interesting, more than a continuation of peace and love.

*Bethlehem*—enjoys the labors of A. King as their Supply. There is not a dissenting voice to the Benevolent Institutions nor the Itineracy. They live in love.

*Buck Creek.*—John Lee is their Pastor. There has been a revival of some interest.

*Cedar Creek*—speaks nothing of importance. J. C. Averitt is their Pastor.

*Cross Roads*—enjoys the labors of E. Davis. There is some improvement in discipline,—all in peace.

*Cheerful Hope.*—There is uninterrupted harmony and love in this Church. Is very anxious for the Itineracy to be continued. No Pastor.

*Cape Fear.*—Religion is rather stationary. Without a Pastor.

*Concord.*—Rather cold.

*Ebenezer.*—F. Prevatt is their Supply. Nothing very cheering.

*Fayetteville*—has experienced many things of an unpleasant nature, but is now restored to unity of mind.

*Honey Camp.*—This Church speaks of much love. Commends Bro. Z. Bullock to the Association for Ordination.

*Hickory Grove.*—E. Davis is their Pastor. Pleasant state of things.

*Iron Hill* ⋈ *Roads.*—John Lee is their Pastor. A general peace.

*Mount Pisgah, Robeson County,*—communicates nothing special.

*Mill Creek.*—No Pastor. Solicits the continuation of the Itineracy.

*Mount Eliam.*—"All in peace among ourselves with a few exceptions." Isham Stone is their Pastor.

*Mount Tabor*—enjoys the blessing of love.

*Macedonia.*—Condition not stated.

*Mount Pisgah, Brunswick County.*—There are some difficulties here which they hope soon to overcome.

*Mount Zion, N. C.*—No Pastor. Condition of the Church is improved.

*Mount Zion, S. C.*—John Woodward is their Pastor. Religion is progressing. Sound in the cause of Missions.

*Pleasant Grove*—abounds with peace and union.

*Providence.*—This Church complains of coldness.

*Porter Swamp.*—A gradual advance in religion and numbers.

*Spring Branch*—has enjoyed precious meetings. Desires the Association to examine Brethren D. B. Ayers and Z. Bullock on their Ministerial call.

*Shiloh*—communicates nothing special. A Sabbath School.

*Saddle Tree.*—Condition not expressed. (*See Statistics.*)

*Shaloate.*—In this Church there are difficulties existing. She has sustained the loss of Bro. Samuel Bennett, one of their Deacons. He was a worthy member.

*Seven Creeks*—is occasionally supplied by J. Lee. All in peace, and favorable to Missions.

*Sharon.*—A. King is their Pastor. Some difficulties. Weekly Prayer Meetings.

*Union.*—This is a newly constituted body. Condition not stated.

*White Lake.*—W. Ayers is their Supply. They are strong in the faith.

*Western Prong.*—H. Lennon is their Pastor. There is a revival.

## *REPORT of Treasurer.*

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| Received from Committee of Finance, | | $95 39 |
| Paid for Printing Minutes of 1845, | $32 00 | |
| Paid Clerk for his services, | 15 00 | |
| Paid H. Lennon for editing History, | 25 00 | |
| Paid Delegates to B. S. Convention, | 10 00 | |
| Paid Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board, | 13 39 | |
| | | $95 39 |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1845.

The Board was called into Session by H. Lennon, former Secretary.

Elected, Absalom Powell, President; Haynes Lennon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointed Dr. Jno. O. Hale, W. Young, and A. McMillan, a Committee of Finance.

The following Churches and Individuals came forward and paid the sums to their names annexed:

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| Haynes Lennon, | $5 00 |
| Nathan L. Williamson, | 5 00 |
| Jno. C. Averitt, | 5 00 |
| Wm. B. Bullard, | 5 00 |
| Samuel Dusenberry, | 5 00 |
| David T. Averitt, | 5 00 |
| Richard Wooten, | 5 00 |
| Matthew Autry, | 5 00 |
| Shiloh Church, | 10 00 |
| Fayetteville Church, | 15 00 |
| Jas. T. Toler, | 1 00 |
| Dr. J. O. Hale, | 5 00 |
| Jacob Thompson, | 5 00 |
| Zadok Bullock, | 5 00 |
| Daniel Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| Joseph Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| Furney Prevatt, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads Church, | 2 12 |
| John Humphrey, | 5 00 |
| Wm. Fullwood, | 5 00 |
| Absalom Powell, | 5 00 |
| George Warwick, | 1 00 |
| Ebenezer Church, | 5 00 |
| Moses Warwick, | 4 00 |
| Giles Williams, | 1 00 |
| Henry Bullock, Jr., | 2 00 |
| John Mills, | 1 00 |
| Jno. W. Gore, | 50 |
| Stephen Pitman, | 50 |
| R. M. Sessums, | 50 |
| Jesse Elvington, | 1 00 |
| Providence Church, | 5 00 |
| T. H. Massey, | 1 00 |
| Jno. Smith, | 50 |
| Elias Carlile, | 5 00 |
| Bethel Church, | 2 34 |

Appointed W. Young, G. Parker, J. O. Hale, B. Williams, and G. Cobb, a Committee to obtain the services of an Itinerant for the ensuing year.

Committee of Finance reported. Report accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next.

MONDAY,—1 O'CLOCK.

Board came into Session.

Report of Committee on the selection of an Itinerant called for, read, and received.

Jno. F. McCall reported on his Itineracy and Agency. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes. Unanimously agreed, that this Board approve and confirm the course pursued by that portion of the Executive Committee advising a discontinuance of the Itineracy on Saturday, 22d of February last.

Agreed, that Bro. Jno. F. McCall be paid for his services during March and April last.

Agreed, that in the event that this Board should employ an Itinerant for the ensuing year, that he be required to ride 22 days in each month: And that he have $20 per month for his services.

Appointed an Executive Committee, consisting of A. Powell, H. Lennon, and N. L. Williamson.

Agreed, that all unfinished business of this Board be referred to the Executive Committee for completion.

ABSALOM POWELL, *President.*

H. LENNON, *Secretary.*

### *John F. McCall's Report on his Itineracy.*

Dear Brethren: Very soon after receiving the appointment as Itinerant for the Board, I commenced the work, and travelled 100 days, preached 113 Sermons, Baptised 33 persons, and closed my services on Feb'y 22d, agreeable to the instructions of the Executive Committee.

I travelled afterwards two months, to fill appointments previously made in behalf of the Board. I collected in all $14 30, on this and last year's subscriptions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. McCALL.

## BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Society was called to order by the President of last Session, H. Lennon.

The Secretary of last Session being absent, R. McDaniel was appointed for the time being.

Appointed Dr. J. O. Hale, Wm. Matthews, and B. Williams, a Committee of Finance.

The members came forward and paid their subscriptions, whose names the Treasurer retained.

Elected H. Lennon President; Absalom Powell, 1st Vice President; John M. Beasley, 2d Vice President; R. McDaniel, Secretary, and N. L. Williamson, Treasurer.

Committee of Finance reported that they had received from individuals $33 05.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay into the hands of Haynes Lennon the full amount of funds on hand, to be sent up to the State Bible Society, to be held at Raleigh during the next Baptist State Convention.

Delegated to the State Bible Society, H. Lennon and Jno. G. Powell.

Agreed, that the above Delegation be empowered to appoint a third Delegate, if required.

HAYNES LENNON, *President.*
ABSALOM POWELL, 1*st V. P.*
JOHN M. BEASLEY, 2*d V. P.*

RANDAL McDANIEL, *Sec'y.*
NATHAN L. WILLIAMSON, *Treas'r.*

### *THE CONSTITUTION of the Bible Society in the Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

Art. 1. This Society shall be denominated the Baptist Bible Society in the Cape Fear Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be, to aid in the translation and circulation of the Scriptures, in the versions most conformed to the original.

Art. 3. The members of this Society shall consist of annual contributors to its funds.

Art. 4. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Art. 5. This Society shall hold a meeting at each Session of this Association.

Art. 6. This Society shall be auxiliary to the State Bible Society.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD AT

PORTER SWAMP MEETING HOUSE,

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

OCTOBER 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th,

1846.

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# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1846.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Abel King, from Matthew, v. 16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

At the expiration of fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator of last Session, Samuel Mims. Divine direction was invoked by Elder John F. McCall.

Elder Robert McNabb, and Bro. John Smith, were appointed Assistant Clerks.

Brethren N. L. Williamson, Wm. Young, A. F. Powell, and John Carlisle, were announced by the Moderator as the Committee of Finance.

Appointed Brethren, D. Coleman, R. Wooten, A. F. Powell, J. M. Beasley, and D. F. Williamson, a Committee to supply the Stage with Ministers during the Session.

Letters from the Churches were called for, the Delegates' names enrolled, and Statistics entered.—[*See next page.*]

Received one newly constituted Church, viz: CHERRY GROVE, *Columbus County, N. C.—Presbyter, Elder Haynes Lennon.*

The Association then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: John Smith, Moderator; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer; and R. McNabb, Assistant Clerk.

An invitation was then extended to Messengers and Visiting Brethren from other Associations; whereupon, Bro. C. Reaves, from the Welsh-Neck, with a package of Minutes, and Elder G. W. Wallace, from the Union Association, with a package of Minutes and a Letter of Correspondence, came forward, presented the same, and accepted seats.

Appointed the following Committees: On Arrangements—H. Lennon, R. McNabb, and S. Mims. On Special Changes—W. Ayers, A. F. Powell, and J. Carlisle. On preparing a Digest of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated in the Church Letters—R. McNabb, A. King, and F. Lennon. On preventing the sale of Ardent Spirits, or any other article, at or near the Association Ground during the Session—A. F. Powell, D. Coleman, D. F. Williamson, and M. Warwick. On Ministerial Location—E. Davis, J. Bennett, and M. Autrey. On the examination of Aspirants for Ordination—Elders R. McNabb, W. Ayers, H. Lennon, J. F. McCall, and A. King. On the examination of Letters and Minutes from Corresponding Associations —R. Wooten, S. Mims, and S. Dusenberry. On Selecting Messengers to Corresponding Associations—J. Thompson, E. Pitman, and John F. McCall.

Agreed that the next Session of this Association be held at Cape Fear Church, Cumberland County, N. C., commencing on Friday preceding

| CHURCHES AND COUNTIES. | DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Dead. | White. | Colored. | Total. |
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| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Wm. Ayers, E. Pitman, K. Atkinson, | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 156 | 26 | 182 |
| Antioch, | G. Warwick,* M. Meares, R. Mercer,* | 7 | ... | 1 | ... | 3 | 3 | ... | | 126 |
| Big Branch, | *W. B. Bullard*, M. Warwick, John Hill, | 30 | 4 | 4 | ... | 4 | ... | 111 | 1 | 112 |
| Ebenezer, | A Walters, J. F. Varnum, N. Pitman, | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 6 | ... | ... | | 64 |
| Mount Eliam, | I. Stone, E. Stone, J. A. Lawson,* | 3 | ... | ... | 4 | 2 | ... | 49 | 1 | 50 |
| Mount Pisgah, | J. Thompson, J. B. Thompson, J. Radcliffe,* | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 | ... | ... | 80 |
| Saddle Tree, | F. Prevatt,* J. A. Rozier, J. Carlisle, | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 36 |
| Providence, | Robert McNabb, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 43 |
| Pleasant Grove, | *Norman Martin*, Wm. Pitman, | 8 | ... | 1 | ... | 4 | 2 | 55 | 14 | 69 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Jas. Hall, *R. Fisher*, *J. Cashwell*, | 29 | ... | 5 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 178 | 21 | 199 |
| Brier Branch, | T. Tatom, D. Register,* J. Cain, | 20 | 6 | 4 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 141 |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Davis, A. Edwards, E. Johnson,* | 7 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | 71 |
| Shiloh, | John Smith, John Monroe, Wm. Young, | 15 | 2 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 28 | 92 |
| White Lake, | D. Bullard, D. Perry,* T. Hynds,* | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 2 | 1 | 42 | 7 | 49 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | J. Hinson,* W. J. Standley, Wm. Frink, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 115 | 2 | 117 |
| Cherry Grove, | W. Strickland, B. Buffkin, J. H. Buffkin, | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 18 | ... | 18 |
| Cross Roads, | E. Singleterry, F. Lennen, W. Lennon, | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 2 | 73 | 46 | 119 |
| Iron Hill X Roads | J. W. Gore, W. S. Hickman,* J. Powell, | 7 | ... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 104 | 12 | 116 |
| Macedonia, | J. Williamson, N. L. Williamson, G. Williams, | 5 | 2 | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | 66 | 22 | 88 |
| Mount Moriah, | [Total of 1843 extended.] | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Mount Tabor, | B. Harrelson, J. Hinson, E. Phipps, | 28 | ... | 1 | 3 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 82 |
| Mount Zion, | J. Creach, N. Ray, S. Sasser, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 46 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill,* Jas. Best, M. Long, | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 66 | 13 | 79 |
| Porter Swamp, | D. F. Williamson, Abs. Powell, A. F. Powell, | ... | ... | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 100 |
| Seven Creeks, | J. Faulk,* N Stevens, P. P. Ginright,* | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 64 | 8 | 72 |
| Western Prong, | H. Lennon, R. Wooten, A. High, | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 31 |
| BRUNSWICK C'TY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | R. M. McRackan,* T. W. Westcoat, T. W. Woodsides, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 13 | 63 |
| Beulah, | [By Letter.] | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 49 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. Lennon, C. Little, J. Ellis,* | ... | 3 | ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 34 |
| Mill Creek, | H. Flowers, H. B. Willets,* | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 26 | 1 | 27 |
| Mount Pisgah, | John Simmons,* R. D. Hewitt, J. W. Phelps, | 7 | 1 | 1 | ... | 4 | ... | 87 | 21 | 87 |
| New Britain, | Joel Bennett, John Russ, James Beach,* | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 141 | 10 | 151 |
| Shaloate, | *Wm. Mints*,* B. Mints, A. Bennett, | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 69 | 11 | 80 |
| Union, | Charles V. Fulwood, | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | 12 |
| CUMBERLAND CO. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | J. Butler,* D. Thames, J. Landcaster, | 3 | 3 | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | 125 | 58 | 183 |
| Cedar Creek, | M H. Seawell, E. H. Hall, G. S. Jackson, | 34 | 1 | 5 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 69 |
| Concord, | M. Autry, H. Jones, T. Beney,* | 16 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 72 |
| Fayetteville, | S. Mims, J. M. Beasley, R. McDaniel,* | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 10 | 1 | 199 | 95 | 294 |
| MARION DIST., S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | S. Dusenberry, T. P. Watson, N. Bullock,* | 8 | ... | ... | 3 | 5 | 3 | 162 | 19 | 181 |
| Saw Mill, | Henry Rogers, W. Stevens, | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 29 |
| HORRY DIST., S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem, | T. D. Todd,* J. J. Todd,* W. Spivey, | 3 | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | 23 | 2 | 25 |
| Buck Creek, | [Total of 1845 extended.] | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 |
| Good Hope, | [Total of 1843 extended.] | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 45 |
| Honey Camp, | *R. Prince*, E. C. Powell,* S. Hodges,* | 8 | ... | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | ... | ... | 74 |
| Mount Zion, | Wm. Edge, W. Fulwood, D. Lee, | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 | 4 | 30 |
| Sharon, | Abel King, D. M. Edge, Sen'r, | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 4 | 1 | 25 | 29 | 54 |
| Simpson's Creek, | W. A. Hardee, N. J. Cox, W. E. Gore,* | 12 | 2 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 54 | 2 | 56. |
| Spring Branch, | H. Insoe, J. Grainger, Sen'r, E. Tyler, Sen.* | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 4 | ... | 125 | 11 | 136 |
| | | 277 | 38 | 37 | 63 | 107 | 39 | | | 3984 |

| ASTORS. | Sabb. Preaching. | LICENTIATES. | CLERKS & THEIR POST OFFICES |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lennon. | 3d | .............................. | John R. Watson—Leesville, N. C. |
| Lennon. | 1st | .............................. | John Warwick—Lumberton. |
| Prevatt. | 3d | William B. Bullard. | Moses Warwick—Leesville. |
| .............. | 1st | Alfred Rogers. | Nicholas Pitman—Ditto. |
| ham Stone. | 4th | .............................. | Jas. A. Lawson—Lumberton. |
| .............. | 2d | .............................. | John B. Thompson—Ditto. |
| Prevatt. | 4th | .............................. | Jas A. Rozier—Ditto. |
| McNabb. | .... | Jordan H. Cobb. | Jordan H. Cobb—St. Paul's. |
| .............. | .... | Norman Martin. | Eli Bullock—Gaddysville |
| . Ayers. | 1st | T. Smith, J. Cashwell, R Fisher | James Hall—Elizabeth Town. |
| . Ayers. | 4th | .............................. | Not named—Ditto. |
| . Davis. | 4th | .............................. | Ewen Johnson—Ditto. |
| V. Ayers. | 1st | .............................. | James H. Cain—Prospect Hall. |
| V. Ayers. | 4th | .............................. | John G. Sutton—Elizabeth Town. |
| .............. | 3d | Joel Little. | Everett Hinson—Whiteville. |
| .............. | .... | .............................. | Bythel Buffkin—Fair Bluff. |
| E. Davis. | 3d | .............................. | Wright Lennon—Big Swamp. |
| . King. | 4th | John Meares. | John Meares—Gum Swamp. |
| .............. | 4th | George Parker, Wm. Bledsoe. | Nathaniel L. Williamson—Big Swamp |
| .............. | 4th | Benjamin Ward. | M. Formy Duval—Whiteville. |
| .............. | 2d | .............................. | Andrew Mills—Fair Bluff. |
| H. Lennon. | 2d | David J. Ray. | Joshua Creach—Whiteville. |
| Joel Bennett. | 4th | .............................. | George W. Hill—White Marsh. |
| .............. | 2d | .............................. | D. F. Williamson—Big Swamp. |
| John Lee. | 4th | .............................. | Jesse Long—Gum Swamp. |
| H. Lennon. | 4th | .............................. | Richard Wooten—Whiteville. |
| J. Davis. | 3d | .............................. | Robert M. McRackan—Smithville. |
| J. Bennett. | 3d | Sam'l T. Stanaland. | Wm. Matthews—Little River, S. C. |
| G. W. Lennon | 3d | E. Smith. | C. J. Byrd—Robeson's P. O., N. C. |
| .............. | 2d | .............................. | Samuel S. Mints—Smithville. |
| A. King. | 4th | .............................. | Moses Hewett—Ditto. |
| J Bennett. | 1st | .............................. | James Beach—White Marsh. |
| J. Bennett. | 2d | William Mints. | James G. Basford—Shaloate. |
| W. Ayers. | .... | .............................. | U. W. Rourk—Smithville. |
| .............. | 4th | .............................. | James Butler—Fayetteville. |
| H. Woodward. | .... | .............................. | Marshall H. Seawell—Ditto. |
| Jesse Howell. | 3d | .............................. | Matthew Autry—Ditto. |
| .............. | .... | .............................. | Randal McDaniel—Ditto. |
| W. Ayers. | 2d | Noel Bullock. | Wm. H. Hays—Allen's Bridge, S. C. |
| .............. | 1st | .............................. | Jesse Ford—Ditto. |
| A. King. | .... | .............................. | Dixon J. Doyl—Conwayborough. |
| John Lee. | 2d | .............................. | ..................—Ditto. |
| John Lee. | 3d | .............................. | ..................—Ditto. |
| .............. | 2d | Richard Prince, Samuel Suggs. | Joshua Stevens—Ditto. |
| J. Woodward. | 1st | .............................. | W. L. Dubois—Ditto. |
| A. King. | 2d | .............................. | Joseph B. Edge—Little River. |
| A. King. | 1st | .............................. | William A. Hardee—Conwayborough. |
| .............. | 2d | Zadok Bullock. | Robert E. Price—Fair Bluff, N. C. |

the 4th Sunday in October 1847. Elder J. Bennett to preach the Introductory Sermon. Services to commence at palf past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Appointed Elder R. McNabb to preach the Charity Sermon at 12 o'clock on Sabbath, at next Session of this Association.

Agreed to have 1300 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

Then Bro. S. Mims very affectionately addressed the Association on the subject of having so long presided as Moderator over the Association. Whereupon, the Moderator of the present Session was appointed to prepare a suitable response, and present the same to this body tomorrow Morning.

Adjourned to Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder G. W. Wallace.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder R. McNabb.

The Moderator announced such Committees as were not filled up on yesterday.

On motion, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the THANKS of this Association be tendered to our Bro. Samuel Mims, for his long and faithful services as Moderator of this BODY.

Elder W. D. Martin, and Bro. Geo. W. Reaves, from Welsh-Neck Association, on invitation, came forward and accepted seats; also Bro. Peter Munro, from Pee Dee Association.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Association, the Cedar Creek Church have violated Gospel order and the general usages of the Baptist Denomination, in receiving into their fellowship members that were formerly excluded from the Cape Fear Church; and that they be affectionately requested to require of said excluded members, to yet procure letters of dismission from the Cape Fear Church.

Appointed R. McNabb, John Smith, and M. Autrey, a Committee to visit the Cedar Creek Church, and explain the object of the foregoing Resolution.

On motion, appointed H. Lennon, R. M. McRackan, and John F. McCall, a Committee to visit Beaulah Church, in order to effect an adjustment of their difficulties.

Appointed H. Lennon, S. Mims, E. Davis, and G. Parker, a Committee to collect materials preparatory to writing a Sketch of the lives of our departed MINISTERS, and report the same to the next Session of this Association.

*Resolved*, That the Deacons of each Church in the Association be requested to furnish the above Committee with all the information they can possibly obtain.

Agreed to suspend the business of the Association the necessary space of time for the sitting of the Board of Domestic Missions.

The Association came into Session, and after a few minutes, agreed to adjourn to Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. Ayers.

## SABBATH.

The day was fair, calm, and unusually pleasant, and a very large congregation assembled. R. McNabb addressed them from Heb. xii. 14: "And holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

After the lapse of a few minutes, H. Lennon addressed them from Gal. iii. 1: "Before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you."

At the conclusion of the discourse, a general collection was taken up, and the congregation dismissed for fifteen minutes.

G. W. Wallace followed with an address from John ix. 27: "Will ye also be his disciples?"

The Services of the day were closed with an invitation to mourners, and singing, by J. F. McCall.

Prayer by H. Lennon.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by S. T. Stanaland.

Report on Special Changes received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Report on Ministerial Location received, and referred to the Clerk for correction.

Whereas, the Good Hope Church has failed representing for the last three years: Therefore

*Resolved,* That a Committee consisting of W. Ayers, D. B. Ayers, and Zadok Bullock, be appointed to visit said Church, to ascertain the cause.

*Resolved,* also, that a Committee consisting of H. Lennon, E. Davis, and J. Bennett, be appointed to visit Mount Moriah Church on the same cause.

Report of Financial Committee received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Appointed the Moderator to prepare a Letter of Correspondence to the Welsh-Neck Association.

Appointed H. Lennon to prepare Letters of Correspondence to the Pee Dee and Union Associations.

Report on the Digest of Religion in this Association received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Report on Ministerial Examination received, approving the Ordination of Zadok Bullock.

Report on the Examination of Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Associations received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on Selecting Messengers to Corresponding Associations reported the following:

To the Pee Dee—Jacob Thompson, Jno. Carlisle, and J. H. Cobb. To the Welsh-Neck—Jno. Smith, R. McNabb, J. O. Hale, and A. Rogers. To the Union—W. Ayers, E. Davis, S. Dusenberry, R. McNabb, M. Warwick, A. King, and J. F. McCall.

Agreed that the Treasurer defray the entire expenses of printing these Minutes, and the binding into one or more volumes the Minutes of this Association from its organization to the present.

Agreed that the residue of the Association Fund be paid over to the Treasurer of Board of Domestic Missions.

Agreed that the Clerk correct these Minutes and the Reports to be appended.

*Resolved*, That the Ministry in this Association be affectionately requested to devote one month each, in visiting and preaching to the Churches in the Association.

Suspended the business of the Association, for the necessary time required to hold a Session of the Domestic Mission Board and Bible Society.

Resumed the business of the Association.

Voted, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the entertainment they have so hospitably furnished.

Ordered, that the Clerk furnish each family in this vicinity, who have opened their houses for the reception of the congregation, with a copy of these Minutes.

Agreed to refer all unfinished business to Brethren H. Lennon, S. Mims, and J. M. Beasley.

Adjourned to time and place above specified for holding the next Session of this Association.

Valedictory remarks and singing, by R. McNabb. Prayer by H. Lennon.

Thus closed a Session unusually harmonious.

JOHN SMITH, *Moderator.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Clerk.*
ROBERT McNABB, *Assistant Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

### *REPORT of Financial Committee.*

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|---|---|
| Received from the Churches this year, | $70 25 |
| Collection on Sabbath for Missions, | 20 29½ |
| | $90 54½ |

Respectfully submitted.

N. L. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

### *REPORT on Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations.*

Your Committee on examining the Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations would report: That the larger number of their Churches complain of coldness, and supplicate the prayers of this Body. The Union Association have had three Missionaries travelling in their bounds a part of the year; they have done much towards improving their spiritual and historical condition. Five newly constituted Churches were added to the Association the past year, being the fruits of Missionary labor. The Association have now on hand more than $400, for the employment of Missionaries the ensuing year. The Welsh-Neck Association have also had two Itinerants in the field, whose labours have doubtless been blest. The Pee Dee Association have one Itinerate only, but nothing is said concerning his labors. They have a Bible Society which bids fair to do much good. The proceeds are left to be disposed of as the N. C. Baptist Bible Society may deem the most beneficial to the Bible Cause. They have appended to their Minutes, as a Circular, Extracts of a Letter written by Miles P. Jewett, A. M., late Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory in Mareetta College, Ohio, and a Licensed Minister of the Presbyterian Church, on the MODE AND SUBJECTS OF BAPTISM, a few days after his Baptism.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD WOOTEN, *Chairman.*

### *REPORT on Special Changes in the Association.*

Among the changes which have taken place during the past year, solemnly affecting the interests of the Association, are those providences of God which have removed several zealous and energetic brethren. The first subject of these was our much respected Bro., Frederick Sasser, of Columbus county, a deacon at Pleasant Plains. He distinguished himself as a disciple of Christ, and under all the ills that befel him in this life, he manifested more than ordinary cheerfulness and resignation.

The next subject of these changes, was our devoted Bro., John Humphrey, a man noted for his retired christian habits and exemplary virtues. His death is much lamented by all who knew him.

Another instance is the death of our highly esteemed Bro., James Bell, of Brunswick county. In this man was found more equanimity than is common for men. Nothing could disturb him more than to witness disagreement amongst brethren, or to hear Ministers denouncing the doctrines and usages of other denominations. In his death he exemplified the profession of his life.

Bro. Jesse Pitman Sen., of Robeson county, is another whose loss we are called on to deplore. He died rejoicing in the triumphant faith of Christ, and admonishing his friends to meet him in Heaven.

Nor are we permitted to finish this mournful record here. There is yet another Bro., Robert Melvin, of Bladen county, member elect to the Senate—whose name needs but be mentioned to produce a sensation in the bosoms of many now present. Long was he connected with this Association. He was one of the few who first engaged in the reformation of Missions in this Association. Possessing an ardent temperament, he entered with his might into whatever his hand found to do; and having also a penetrating and discriminating mind, his efficiency was felt. No one was more zealous in promoting the interest of the Association. This he did by his pecuniary contributions, by his influence, and by his untiring advocacy. But it has pleased Him, whose ways are mysterious, to dissolve his connexion with earth, and we trust, to grant him a glorious and triumphant entrance among the saints in glory.

Though we have been afflicted with the above lamented changes; yet we are permitted to record some events of the past year of a more pleasant nature. Many Churches which have been cold and barren, have experienced most glorious revivals, particularly those East of the Cape Fear River. There is a manifest improvement in the Association in many respects.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. AYERS, *Chairman.*

### *REPORT of Treasurer.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from Committee of Finance, - - | | $90 54½ |
| Paid for Printing Minutes of 1846, - | $32 00 | |
| Paid Clerk for his services, - | 15 00 | |
| Paid for Binding Minutes, - | 1 00 | |
| Paid Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board, | 42 54½ | |
| | | $90 54½ |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

### *A DIGEST of the State of Religion in the Churches, as indicated in their Letters.*

*Ashpole.*—Nothing of interest can be learned from their Letter.

*Antioch.*—They enjoy peace and harmony.

*Beaver Dam, Columbus County.*—Have no Pastor.

*Beaver Dam, Bladen County.*—Speak in affecting terms of the loss they have sustained in the removal of their Deacon, Bro. Robert Melvin.

*Bear Swamp*—have recently had a revival of religion.

*Beulah*—cannot, it would seem from their Letter, get into a much worse condition than they are in at present.

*Big Branch*—have been revived and strengthened since our last meeting.

*Brier Branch*—have had a goodly number to unite with them.

*Bethel*—appears stationary.

*Bethlehem.*—In their Letter they state that they have one small difficulty which retards their prosperity.

*Cedar Creek*—have had considerable accession to their number.

*Cross Roads*—appears to be gaining but little ground if any.

*Cheerful Hope*—have no cheering intelligence to communicate.

*Cape Fear*—is far from being in a prosperous condition.

*Concord*—have had some accession to their number since the last Association.

*Cherry Grove*—was constituted since our last meeting. They have nothing of special interest to write.

*Ebenezer*—appears stationary.

*Fayetteville.*—In their Letter they tell us that their harps are hanging on the willows.

*Honey Camp*—sends no good news.

*Hickory Grove*—complain of coldness, but seem rather on the gaining order.

*Iron Hill X Roads*—appears to be at peace among themselves.

*Mount Pisgah, Robeson County*—have no reguiar preaching, and as might be expected, they have a wintry time.

*Mount Pisgah, Brunswick County.*—From their Letter we infer that they stand much in need of a genuine revival of Religion.

*Mill Creek*—is in a cold and barren condition.

*Mount Eliam*—have nothing interesting to communicate.

*Mount Tabor*—have had some accession and their meetings are well attended.

*Macedonia*—have no Pastor and seems desirous that the ministers would "come over and help them."

*Mount Zion, N. C.*—By reference to Rev. 3, 16, the condition of this Church may be known.

*Mount Zion, S. C.*—We would infer from their Letter that it is not with them as in days past.

*New Britain.*—The same as the above.

*Pleasant Grove*—is in the same condition that too many of the Churches are in, neither hot nor cold.

*Pleasant Plains.*—Here religion is on the decline and but little unity among them. They have to lament the death of one of their Deacons, Bro. Frederick Sasser.

*Providence*—is praying and hoping for better times.

*Porter Swamp*—is destitute of a Pastor and in a cold state, though they seem to hope that a change from bad to good will ere long take place.

*Saw Mill*—sends no good news in their Letter.

*Spring Branch*—have no Pastor and seems to be losing ground.

*Shalqate*—have nothing cheering to write us.

*Sharon*—is afflicted with some unsettled difficulties.

*Shiloh*—have a good state of things.

*Seven Creeks*—is gathering no strength.

*Simpson's Creek.*—The members of this Church are neither cold nor hot.

*Saddle Tree*—is anticipating better times.

*Western Prong*—are in love and union and state that they trust they will remain so.

*White Lake*—is at present in a cold state.

*Union.*—From their Letter it seems though they have had no revival that brotherly love continues.

ROBERT McNABB, *Chairman.*

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1846.

The Board was called into Session by Absalom Powell, President of last Session.

Appointed Jas. O. Hale, W. Young, and —— ——, a committee of Finance.

The following individuals and Representatives of Churches came forward and paid the sums to their names annexed, and were recognized as members of the present Board:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| William Matthews, | $5 00 | Macedonia Church, | 12 00 |
| Fayetteville Church, | 15 00 | Isham Stone, | 7 50 |
| Providence Church, | 5 00 | Elias Stone, | 2 00 |
| Cedar Creek Church, | 5 00 | Elias Pitman, | 2 00 |
| Absalom Powell, | 5 00 | Bethel Church, | 60 |
| Beaver Dam Ch. Columbus, | 5 75 | Jno. F. McCall, | 5 00 |
| Joseph Stanaland, | 5 00 | Mount Pisgah Church, | 4 50 |
| James O. Hale, | 5 00 | Norman Martin, | 1 00 |
| William Frink, | 2 00 | G. W. Lennon, | 3 00 |
| Wm. Mints, | 1 00 | Peter Monroe, (Donation,) | 50 |
| James G. Basford, | 50 | Eld. G. W. Wallace, ditto, | 3 00 |
| New Britain Church, | 5 00 | William Fullwood, | 1 00 |
| Shiloh Church, | 10 00 | Simon Sasser, | 1 00 |
| Samuel Dusenberry, | 5 00 | Porter Swamp Church, | 4 75 |
| Mathew Autry, | 5 00 | William Edge, | 1 00 |
| Samuel T. Stanaland, | 5 00 | A Friend, | 96 |
| | | | $134 06 |

Then proceeded to the Election of Officers: Robert McNabb was duly elected President; and H. Lennon Secretary and Treasurer.

Adjourned to Monday next.

MONDAY,—12 O'CLOCK, M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Called for and read the Reports of the Itenerants.

Financial Committee reported and paid over to the Treasurer the amount of Funds on hand.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the Itinerants according to their reported time of service as far as the Funds on hand will hold out after paying what may have been due at last Session of this Board.

The Executive Committee appointed at last Session of this Board reported. Report received, and the Committee commended for the course they pursued.

Appointed an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, consisting of Brethren, H. Lennon, A. Powell, N. L. Williamson, R. Wooten, and B. Williams.

Agreed that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee above named.

Adjourned to time and place of holding the next Session of the Cape Fear Association.

ROBERT McNABB, *President.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Secretary.*

### *REPORT of Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board.*

| Board of Domestic Missions, | To Jno. F. McCall, | DR. |
|---|---|---|
| 1844. | To 11 months' services, at $22 per month, | $242 00 |
| 1845. | " 4 months' services, at $22 per month, | 88 00 |
| " | " Extra services for March and April, which he charges the Board. | 30 00 |
| 1846. | " 11 months' services, at $20 per month, | 220 00 |
| | | $580 00 |

CONTRA.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 1845. | By cash as per receipt, | $133 85 | |
| Oct. | " " " " " | 139 32 | |
| Nov. | " " " " " | 28 90 | |
| Feb. 1846. | " " " " | 12 25 | |
| Oct. | " " " " " | 195 38 | |
| | " amount now due him, | 70 30 | |
| | | | $580 00 |

| Board of Domestic Missions, | To Darius B. Ayers, | DR. |
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| 1846. | To 3 months' services, at $20 per month, | $60 00 |
| " | " 8 months' services, at $10 per month, | 80 00 |
| | | $140 00 |

CONTRA.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 1846. | By cash as per receipt, | $91 25 | |
| | " amount now due him, | 48 75 | |
| | | | $140 00 |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

### *John F. McCall's Report.*

*To the Board of Domestic Missions*—DEAR BRETHREN: I, as your Missionary, report the following as the result of my labours for the past year.

I entered the field of labour on the first of December last, and found it in a cold state; but after getting my appointments circulated regularly, so as to get congregations together, considering the inclemency of the weather, I found them to increase, both in number and in spiritual feeling in almost all the Churches.

I have travelled in the North Circuit ten months, and in the South Circuit one month—making in all, 265 days, eight of which I did not preach, and have baptized 101 persons.

The following Table will exhibit my time of servitude and funds collected:

| CHURCHES. | Days. | Sermons. | $ cts. | CHURCHES. | Days. | Sermons. | $ cts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | 8 | 8 | 00 00 | Brier Branch, | 9 | 12 | 7 40¼ |
| Pleasant Grove, | 9 | 8 | 1 50 | Beaver Dam, | 10 | 10 | 6 79¼ |
| Saw Mill, | 9 | 11 | 00 00 | Concord, | 9 | 13 | 7 25 |
| Bear Swamp, | 9 | 9 | 2 00 | Cedar Creek, | 13 | 19 | 6 50 |
| Spring Branch, | 9 | 10 | 5 75 | Shiloh, | 11 | 14 | 7 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | 11 | 12 | 00 00 | Cape Fear, | 13 | 17 | 10 00 |
| Macedonia, | 8 | 7 | 7 00 | Providence, | 9 | 11 | 7 00 |
| Western Prong, | 10 | 10 | 6 00 | Saddle Tree, | 9 | 9 | 3 70 |
| Cross Roads, | 9 | 11 | 5 78¼ | Mount Pisgah, | 10 | 12 | 3 50 |
| Antioch, | 11 | 16 | 5 75 | Mt. Eliam, | 12 | 19 | 6 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 10 | 12 | 13 00 | Big Branch, | 9 | 9 | 00 00 |
| White Lake, | 9 | 10 | 5 50 | Ebenezer, | 4 | 1 | 00 00 |
| | | | | | | | $117 93¼ |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. McCALL.

### *D. B. Ayers' Report.*

*To the Domestic Mission Board*—BELOVED BRETHREN: Herewith you are presented with an account of my services the past year, as your Itinerant in the South Circuit. I commenced on the first of December last, and proceeded according to the instructions given me by the Executive Committee.

A general coldness existed in the Churches allotted me to visit.—They were very destitute of preaching generally, and in some places, much opposed to Missionary operations. This I found even in Churches that were entirely built by Missionaries, and who, at the time of their constitution as a Church, solemnly professed before ALMIGHTY GOD and in the presence of MANY WITNESSES, their favorableness to "Benevolent Institutions." I have continued to attend my appointments regularly, and I feel much assured that there is some spiritual improvement; yet very much regret, that so much is still to accomplish before it can be said "*all is well.*"

I travelled for the Board till the close of June, making 184 days, 183 sermons delivered, and assisted in the Ordination of George W. Lennon as Pastor of Cheerful Hope Church, Brunswick Co.; also aided Bro. R. McNabb in the constitution of a Church at Rockfish Factory, Cumberland County.

Since the first of July I continued to ride and preach as before, during which time, I attended three Protracted Meetings and one Camp Meeting. I have travelled in all 263 days, preached 261 sermons, baptized 71 persons, collected for the Board $34 75, and received from sundry individuals $6 95, unconnected with my engaged services.

And now, dear brethren, I tender you my humblest thanks for the appointment conferred on me, hoping that not only those present, but all those who have so kindly entertained me during the past year, will accept for themselves the tenderest regard of their unworthy servant,

D. B. AYERS.

## BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Society was called to order by H. Lennon, President of last Session.

The Secretary of last Session being absent, the President appointed Jno. Smith for the time being.

Appointed Dr. J. O. Hale, John Monroe, and Giles Williams, a Committee of Finance.

An opportunity was then offered to persons who desired to become members of this Society: whereupon a very respectable Society was constituted.

Elected Samuel Mims, President; Absalom Powell, 1st Vice President; John M. Beasly, 2nd Vice President; John Smith, Secretary; and N. L. Williamson, Treasurer.

On motion a subscription was offered to obtain members for the ensuing year—a goodly number subscribed.

Committee of Finance reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay over to J. M. Beasly all monies on hand.

Agreed that Bro. J. M. Beasly be authorized to forward the sum paid him by the Treasurer to the State Bible Society, N. C. and that he recommend some suitable person as Agent in this Association.

Adjourned to time and place of holding the next Session of Cape Fear Association.

SAMUEL MIMS, *President.*
ABSALOM POWELL, 1*st V. P.*
JOHN M. BEASLY, 2*nd V. P.*

JOHN SMITH, *Secretary.*
NATHANIEL L. WILLIAMSON, *Treasurer.*

## *Ministers' Names and their Post Office Address.*

William Ayers, Allen's Bridge, Marion District, S. C.
Darius B. Ayers, do. do.
*Alfred Rogers*, do. do.
*Noel Bullock*, do. do.
Samuel Dusenberry, do. do.
Furney Prevatt, Leesville, Robeson County, N. C.
John F. McCall, do. do.
*Wm B. Bullard*, do. do.
*William Bledsoe*, do. do.
Isham Stone, Lumberton, do.
*Norman Martin*, Gaddysville, do.
Elias Davis, Elizabeth Town, Bladen County, N. C.
*Thomas Smith*, do. do.
*James Cashwell*, do. do.
*R. Fisher*, do. do.
*Joel Little*, White Marsh, Columbus County, N. C.
Joel Bennett do. do.
*John Meares*, Gum Swamp, do.
*George Parker*, Big Swamp, do.
Haynes Lennon, do. do.
*Zadok Bullock*, Fair Bluff, do.
*Benjamin Ward*, Whiteville, do.
*David J. Ray*, do. do.
George W. Lennon, Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C.
*E. Smith*, do. do.
*Samuel T. Stanaland*, Little River, S. C.
A. King, do. do.
John Lee, Conwaysborough, do.
*Richard Prince*, do. do.
*Samuel Suggs*, do. do.
*William Mints*, Shaloate, Brunswick County, N. C.
Robert McNabb, Fayetteville, N. C.
Hezekiah Woodward, Owenville, Sampson County, N. C.
*Jordan A. Cobb*, St. Paul's, N. C.

NOTE.—There are in Bladen County 5 Baptist Churches, 1 Ordained Minister, and 3 Licentiates. In Robeson, 9 Churches, 3 Ordained Ministers, and 5 Licentiates. In Columbus, 12 Churches, 1 Ordained Minister, and 5 Licentiates. In Brunswick, 8 Churches, 2 Ordained Ministers, and 3 Licentiates.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

# *Cape Fear Baptist Association,*

HELD AT

CAPE FEAR CHURCH,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

OCTOBER 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th,

1847.

FAYETTEVILLE:

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1848.

# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 22, 1847.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Furney Prevatt, (in the absence of the Brother appointed to that duty,) from 116th Psalm, 1st and 2d verses: "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live."

After a short intermission, the Delegates were called together by the Moderator of the last Association. Bro. W. B. Bullard addressed a Throne of Grace.

Bro. R. M. McRackan was appointed Assistant Clerk; and Brethren A. F. Powell, J. M. Beasley, and J. M. Byrne, a Committee of Finance.

The Moderator then announced Brethren, N. Wheeler, J. Thompson, J. Gause, and J. M. Beasley, a Committee to supply the Stage with Preachers during the Session.

Letters from the Churches were then called for, read, and Delegates' names enrolled.

Received one newly constituted Church, viz: Rockfish, *Cumberland County, N. C.—Presbyters, Robert McNabb and Darius B. Ayers.* Constituted fourth Sabbath in June, 1846.

The Association proceeded to organize, and elected the following Officers, viz: John Smith, Moderator; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer; Robert M. McRackan, Assistant Clerk.

Bro. Peter Monroe was recognised as a Delegate from the Pee Dee Association, and was invited to a seat.

Appointed Committees on the following subjects, viz: On Arrangements—H. Lennon and R. M. McRackan. Special Changes—R. M. McRackan, A. F. Powell, and J. A. Rozier. Digest of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated in the Church Letters—J. M. Beasley, Z. Bullock, and E. Smith. On preventing the sale of Contraband Articles—J. Butler, J. Ellis, J. Plummer, C. Tyson, and N. Williamson. On Examining Applicants for Ordination—J. J. Brantly, W. Ayers, and H. Lennon. On Examining Letters and Minutes from Corresponding Associations—J. M. Byrne, A. King, and J. G. Powell. Southern Baptist Publication Society—R. McDaniel, J. J. Brantly, and G. Williams.

*Resolved*, That our next Session be held with the Church at Western Prong, Columbus County, N. C., to commence Friday before 4th Lord's day in October, 1848. Elder W. Ayers to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder J. J. Brantly was appointed to preach the Charity Sermon, on Sabbath at 12 o'clock, and Elder H. Woodward his Alternate.

Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services, in transcribing, correcting, and preparing these Minutes for the Press.

| CHURCHES AND COUNTIES. | DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Dead. | White. | Colored. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Robeson County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Wm. Ayers, E. Pitman, Joseph Thompson,* | 4 | 1 | ... | 3 | 1 | 4 | 151 | 28 |
| Antioch, | Moses Meares, Jno. Israel,* James Blount, | 1 | ... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 3 |
| Ebenezer, | *A. R. Rogers*,* A. Walters,* J. Streekland,* | .... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | ... | 45 | 11 |
| Big Branch, | *Wm. B. Bullard*, Moses Warwick, W. Ivey,* | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | .. |
| Mount Eliam, | J. R. Stone,* J. Britt, Sen.,* Samuel Stone, | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 7 | ... | ... | .. |
| Mount Pisgah, | Jno. B. Thompson,* J. Thompson, J. Radcliff. | .... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | .. |
| Saddle Tree, | Furney Prevatt, J. A. Rozier, J. C. Carlisle,* | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 28 | 8 |
| Providence, | Robert McNabb,* J. H. Cobb, A. McMillan, | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Pleasant Grove, | N. Martin, Jas. Moore, Jos. K. Williams, | 7 | ... | 1 | ... | 2 | 1 | 58 | 17 |
| *Bladen County.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | A. Hall, J. Cashwell,* D. Bullard, | 12 | 1 | ... | 7 | 1 | 2 | 178 | 24 |
| Brier Branch, | John Cain, A. Cain, James Melvin, | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | .. |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Johnson, R. M. Sessums,* A. Edwards,* | .... | ... | ... | 1 | 7 | ... | 60 | 4 |
| Shiloh, | E. Ellis, John M. Byrne, John Smith, | 7 | ... | ... | ... | .. | 3 | 69 | 28 |
| White Lake, | Jas. Carrol,* A. Smith,* H. Wilkinson,* | 7 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 40 | 12 |
| *Columbus C'ty.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | E. Hinson, John Frink,* J. Mercer,* | 9 | ... | 3 | ... | 5 | 2 | ... | .. |
| Cherry Grove, | [Total of 1846 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Cross Roads, | J. E. Lennon,* J. M. Lennon,* E. Singleterry* | .... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | .. |
| Iron Hill XRoads | John Mills, *John Meares*,* J. W. Gore,* | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 106 | 12 |
| Macedonia, | Giles Williams, | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | .. |
| Mount Moriah, | [Total of 1843 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Mount Tabor, | B. Harrelson,* E. Phipps, J. Souls, | 3 | 10 | ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | ... | .. |
| Mount Zion, | *David J. Ray*,* Simon Sasser,* | 7 | 1 | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | ... | .. |
| Pleasant Plains, | [Total of 1846 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Porter Swamp, | D. F. Williamson,* A. F. Powell, J. G. Powell, | .... | 1 | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | 70 | 41 |
| Seven Creeks, | [Total of 1846 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Western Prong, | H. Lennon, R. L. Wooten, James Jordan,* | .... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | 24 | 4 |
| *Brunswick Co.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | Robert M. McRackan, | .... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 48 | 12 |
| Beulah, | [Total of 1846 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Cheerful Hope, | E. Smith, C. Little, | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 | 5 |
| Mill Creek, | [Total of 1846 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Mount Pisgah, | J. Holden, G. Clemmons, T. M. Chatterton, | 5 | 1 | 2 | ... | 3 | 4 | 88 | 21 |
| New Britain, | Z. Russ, Joseph Gause, James Beach,* | 7 | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 1 | ... | .. |
| Shaloate, | Joel Bennett,* A. Bennett, S. Frink, | 7 | 1 | ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 72 | 13 |
| Union, | [Total of 1846 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. |
| *Cumberland Co.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | N. Williamson, N. Wheeler, C. B. Tyson, | .... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 60 |
| Cedar Creek, | Jas. Thaggard,* J. R. McLemore, N. Toler, | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | .. | ... | .. |
| Concord, | H. Woodward, *M. Autry*, O. Jones,* | 26 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | .. | 94 | 2 |
| Fayetteville, | J. J. Brantly, R. McDaniel, J. M. Beasley, | 16 | 3 | ... | 1 | 6 | 6 | 194 | 99 |
| Rockfish, | *H. McAlpin*, A. Simmons, J. Musslewhite, | 15 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | .. | ... | .. |
| *Marion Dis. S.C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | Sam'l Dusenberry, N. Bullock, M. Watson, | .... | 1 | ... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 155 | 19 |
| Saw Mill, | [Total of 1846 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. |
| *Horry Dis. S. C.* | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem, | J. J. Todd,* C. Hardie,* R. M. Todd, | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 27 | 2 |
| Buck Creek, | [Total of 1845 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. |
| Good Hope, | [Total of 1843 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. |
| Honey Camp, | Felix Powell, J. Harrelson, E. C. Powell, | .... | ... | ... | 7 | ... | 4 | ... | .. |
| Mount Zion, | [Total of 1846 extended.] | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. |
| Sharon, | Abel King, D. Edge, Jr.,* J. B. Edge, | .... | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 27 | 25 |
| Simpson's Creek | A. J. Hardie, J. B. Hardie, T. L. Hardie,* | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | .. |
| Spring Branch, | Zadok Bullock, H Enzor, D. Grainger, | .... | ... | 3 | 4 | 1 | .. | 113 | 10 |
| | | 161 | 35 | 15 | 50 | 73 | 52 | | |

| PASTORS. | Sabb. Preaching. | LICENTIATES. | CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 3d | | J. R. Watson—Leesville, N. C. |
| H. Lennon. | 1st | | J. Warwick—Lumberton. |
| | 1st | A. R. Rogers. | N. Pitman—Leesville. |
| F. Prevatt. | 3d | Wm. B. Bullard. | W. B. Bullard—ditto. |
| J. Stone. | 4th | | J. A. Lawson—Lumberton. |
| | 2d | | J. B. Thompson—ditto. |
| F. Prevatt. | 4th | | J. A. Rozier—ditto. |
| John Monroe. | | J. H. Cobb. | J. H. Cobb—St. Paul's. |
| | 4th | N. Martin. | E. Bullock—Leesville. |
| | 1st | T. Smith, J. Cashwell, R Fisher | James Hall—Elizabeth Town. |
| | | | J. Jones—ditto. |
| | 4th | | E. Johnston—ditto. |
| | | | John Smith—Prospect Hall. |
| | 4th | Wm. Hollingsworth. | James Carrol—Elizabeth Town. |
| | 3d | Alfred Noble. | E Hinson—Whiteville. |
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| | 3d | | W. Lennon—Big Swamp. |
| A. King. | 1st | John Meares. | J. Meares—Gum Swamp. |
| | | George Parker. | N. L. Williamson—Ivey's Bluff. |
| | | Benjamin Ward. | M. Formyduval—Whiteville. |
| Z. Bullock. | 4th | | A. Mills—Fair Bluff. |
| | | D. J. Ray. | C. P. Woodel—Whiteville. |
| | | G. W. Hill. | |
| H. Lennon. | 3d | | D. F. Williamson—Ivey's Bluff. |
| | | | |
| H. Lennon. | 4th | | J. O. Powell—Whiteville. |
| | 1st | | R. M. McRackan—Smithville. |
| | | | W. Matthews—Little River, S. C. |
| G. W. Lennon. | 1st | E. Smith, C. Little. | C. J. Byrd—Robeson's P. O., N. C. |
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| | | | T. M. Chatterton—Smithville. |
| Joel Bennett. | 1st | | J. Beach—White Marsh. |
| Joel Bennett. | | Wm. Mintz. | J. G. Bassford—Shaloate. |
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| | 1st | | J. Butler—Fayetteville. |
| | 3d | | M. H. Seawell—ditto. |
| | 1st | M. Autry. | M. Autry—ditto. |
| J. J. Brantly. | | | R. McDaniel—ditto. |
| | | H. McAlpin. | |
| | | | W. H. Hays—Allen's Bridge, S.C. |
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| A. King. | 3d | | D. J. Doyle—Conwayboro', S. C. |
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| John Lee. | 2d | Richard Prince. | J. Harrelson—Conwayboro', S. C. |
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| A. King. | 2d | | J. B. Edge—Little River, S. C. |
| A. King. | | | W. A. Hardie—Conwayboro', S.C. |
| Z. Bullock. | 2d | | J. Walker—Fair Bluff, N. C. |

*Resolved*, That 1300 copies of these Minutes be printed and distributed as heretofore.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder J. F. McCall.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Association convened. Prayer by Elder H. Woodward.

The Committee to visit Cedar Creek Church reported, that they succeeded in correcting the error into which said Church had fallen. Report received and Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed to visit the Church at Buelah, stated that they had not complied. Committee was continued.

The Committee to collect materials preparatory to publishing a Biographical Sketch of the departed Ministry, reported, that from the want of authentic information on the greater number of the subjects of their appointment, they were unable to give a correct and satisfactory statement. Committee was continued.

The Committee appointed to visit the Church at Good Hope, reported, that they had been unfortunate in obtaining a congregation, but was of the opinion that it should yet be attended to. The same Committee was re-appointed.

The Committee to visit the Church at Mt. Moriah, reported, that the Church had regularly appointed their Delegation to the Association, but that the Delegates had been Providentially disappointed in attending the Sessions of 1844 and 1845; and that in 1846 they had neglected going. The Church desires a continuation in the Association. Report received and Committee discharged.

The following Committees were then raised, viz: The Selection of Corresponding Messengers—Wm. Ayers, Jacob Thompson, and R. L. Wooten. The Education of the Ministry—John Smith, R. M. McRackan, and H. McAlpin.

Whereas, Bro. Samuel T. Stanaland, a Licensed Minister of the Gospel in the Cape Fear Baptist Association, has made known to us his intention to locate himself and family in the State of Florida:

*Therefore Resolved*, That the Committee appointed by this Association to visit the Church at Buelah, be authorized in behalf of this body, (in the event that Bro. Stanaland proves to be an orderly member thereof.) to give him a Commendatory Letter.

Whereas, Elder Robert McNabb, who was at our last Session appointed to preach the Charity Sermon on to-morrow, has been Providentially disappointed in attending this Session:

*Therefore Resolved*, That Elder Haynes Lennon be appointed to officiate on the occasion.

Whereas, Bro. A. Simmons, from the Church at Rockfish, made known to the Association, that Bro. H. McAlpin was a Licensed Minister of the Gospel, and that the said Church desired him to come before the Association for examination of his Ministerial qualifications:

*Therefore Resolved*, That Bro. McAlpin be requested to present himself before the Committee appointed by this Association for the examination of applicants for the Ministry.

Bro. John Smith was appointed to write a Letter of Correspondence to the Welch Neck Association.

Bro. John M. Byrne to write the Union Association.

Bro. Jordan H. Cobb to write the Pee Dee Association.

Committee on Special Changes reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Committee on the Examination of Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on the appointment of Corresponding Messengers reported the following:

To the Pee Dee Association—Elder Z. Bullock, and Brethren Jordan H. Cobb, Jacob Thompson, H. McAlpin.

To the Welch Neck Association—Brethren John Smith, A. F. Powell.

To the Union Association—Elders William Ayers, Haynes Lennon, and Bro. R. L. Wooten.

Agreed that the Association suspend business for the necessary space of time for the Board of Domestic Missions to hold a meeting, 12 o'clock M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association re-assembled.

Elder William H. Jordan, Agent for Wake Forest College, was invited to a seat.

Agreed that the Treasurer defray the expenses of printing and editing these Minutes.

On motion, the Clerks of each Church in this Association are requested, in their future Letters to the Association, to insert the number of Minutes required to supply the Church.

Agreed that each Minister in this Association be furnished with six copies of these Minutes.

Adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Elder W. H. Jordan.

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## SABBATH.

The Morning opened unpleasantly, with several showers of rain; but about 10 o'clock the sky commenced brightening, and by 11 a large concourse of people were assembled at the Stand, who were addressed by Elder William H. Jordan, from Rev. 14: 4: "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." Elder H. Lennon immediately followed, with a discourse founded on Rom. 7: 24: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death." A collection was then taken up, highly creditable to the contributors. An intermission of twenty minutes was given; after which, Elder J. J. Brantly addressed the congregation from Rom. 14: 7: "For none of us liveth to himself."

The Services of the day were closed by an exhortation from Elder W. H. Jordan, enforcing the sacred truths so faithfully delivered during the day.

Benediction by Elder H. Lennon.

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### MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder A. King.

Committee on the State of Religion, as indicated in the Church Letters, reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on the Education of the Ministry, stated that they would not be able to report during the Session, but were willing to prepare the report hereafter, subject to the examination of a committee.

Agreed that Brethren J. M. Beasley and R. McDaniel examine the above report, and if approved by them, be handed over to the Clerk for insertion in these Minutes.

Letters of Correspondence were then called for. Committees stated severally to the Association that they had been unable to prepare them, and asked further time, which was unanimously given.

Financial Committee reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the Association highly approve the selection of Elder William Ayers by the Board of Domestic Missions in this Association, as their Itinerant.

*Resolved,* That the destitute Churches in this Association be affectionately requested to solicit his aid in their Church Meetings.

*Resolved,* That the Deacons of each Church in this Association be requested to make an effort to fully sustain Bro. Ayers in his ministrations.

Appointed Elder F. Prevatt, in place of Elder William Ayers, (absent,) to assist the Committee in the examination of applicants for the Ministry.

Agreed that the Clerk of this Association furnish our Corresponding Messengers with a package of Minutes to each Corresponding Association.

Elder W. H. Jordan was then allowed an opportunity to lay before the Association the claims of Wake Forest College.

Agreed to delegate Elder J. J. Brantly, and Brethren H. McAlpin, R. McDaniel, and P. Taylor, to the Baptist State Convention, to be held at Rockford, Surry County, N. C., commencing Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1848.

Agreed, further, that such Delegates as may attend the next Baptist State Convention, be authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur in this appointment; also to appoint a sufficient number to represent our funds in said body.

The Association then suspended business for the Bible Society to hold a Session.

On re-assembling, the Committee on the Examination of Applicants for the Ministry, reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Report on Southern Baptist Publication Society was presented, read, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Agreed that the Clerk correct these Minutes and the Reports to be appended.

Ordered, that the Committee of Finance pay over to the Treasurer of this Association the amount of funds specified in their report.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of this Association pay over to the Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board of this Association, the residue of funds in the Treasury.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon, J. J. Brantly, and Bro. J. M. Beasley, an Executive Committee, to whom all unfinished business of this Association shall be referred.

*Resolved*, That the grateful acknowledgments of this Association be expressed to our friends at this Church, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

Adjourned to time and place above specified.

Praise and prayer by Elder H. Lennon.

JOHN SMITH, *Moderator.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Clerk.*
R. M. McRACKAN, *Assistant Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

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## *A DIGEST of the State of Religion in the Churches, as indicated in their Letters.*

*Ashpole.*—Have enjoyed peace and harmony, under the Pastoral services of Elder H. Lennon.

*Antioch.*—There is but little increase in point of numbers, but an advancement in piety. They have had the services of Elder H. Lennon.

*Beaver Dam, Bladen County.*—Enjoy spiritual communion; lament the loss of their esteemed Brother, George W. Melvin; and have been much edified under the ministry of Elder W. Ayers.

*Beaver Dam, Columbus County.*—Speak in cheering terms of their meetings. They have had the services of Elder Z. Bullock.

*Bear Swamp.*—Have large and attentive congregations. They trust the day is near at hand that will bring about a Revival. Elder W. Ayers has been their spiritual instructer.

*Big Branch.*—Brotherly love seems to abound. Elder F. Prevatt was their supply.

*Brier Branch*—Communicates nothing special. Elder W. Ayers was their supply.

*Bethel.*—Speak in affecting terms of the loss of their Pastor, Elder Jonathan Davis, and his bosom companion.

*Bethlehem.*—This Church is afflicted with difficulties. Elder Abel King is their Minister.

*Cedar Creek*—Communicates nothing cheering. They have had the services of Elder H. Woodward.

*Cross Roads.*—"Have been laboring under considerable coldness and difficulties; but are happy to state that peace and union exist amongst us at present." Elder E. Davis was their supply.

*Cheerful Hope.*—Enjoy the labors of Elder G. W. Lennon, and are at peace among themselves.

*Cape Fear.*—Present nothing cheering; have been under the care of Elder J. F. McCall.

*Concord.*—Elder H. Woodward is their Pastor. They have had a refreshing season in spiritual things.

*Ebenezer.*—They are surrounded by spiritual enemies, yet they remain in a cold state. They have had the services of Brethren J. F. McCall and Alfred R. Rogers.

*Fayetteville.*—"We have been permitted to take our harps down from the willows and tune them anew to the praises of our God. Our Church is again open, and under the Pastoral care of our beloved

Brother John J. Brantly, who, in the administration of the Word of God, teaches sound and wholesome doctrine. The many difficulties with which we have had to contend have been removed, and we enjoy peace and harmony. Our Prayer Meetings are attended with a deeper interest apparently than heretofore. Our Sabbath School still continues numbering about 40 Scholars, 10 Teachers, a Superintendent and Librarian, and a Library of about 1000 volumes selected reading matter."

*Honey Camp.*—Speak of peace, love and harmony. Elder John Lee is their Pastor.

*Hickory Grove.*—Coldness abounds. Elder E. Davis has been their regular Pastor from the time of constitution to the present. "We have now dismissed him."

*Iron Hill X Roads.*—Have nothing special to communicate further than love abounds. Elder A. King is their supply.

*Mount Pisgah, Robeson County.*—From their Letter we can learn nothing of their spiritual condition.

*Mount Pisgah, Brunswick County.*—Appear to be on the advance, but lament the loss of their Deacon, Brother Anthony Clemmons. A. King is their supply.

*Mount Eliam.*—All in peace. Elder J. Stone is their Pastor.

*Mount Tabor.*—Rather still. Elder Z. Bullock is their supply.

*Macedonia.*—They say nothing about their spiritual condition, further than they have no Pastor. They have had a few sermons of Elder J. F. McCall.

*Mount Zion, N. C.*—This Church has experienced some coldness, but is looking for better days. Elder H. Lennon served them.

*New Britain.*—They seem to be at peace, and hope that the seed already sown may yet vegetate and bring forth much fruit. They enjoy the ministry of Elder J. Bennett.

*Pleasant Grove.*—Have had some accessions; peace and harmony abounds. They say nothing about their Pastor.

*Providence.*—Have had large and attentive congregations under the ministry of Elder John Monroe, and cherish the hope that a glorious harvest will yet result. All in peace and in love.

*Porter Swamp.*—Complain of coldness and barrenness. Bro. A. R. Rogers served them.

*Rockfish.*—Have gained but little ground since their organization. Elder Robert McNabb is their Pastor.

*Spring Branch.*—Abound in peace. Congregations large. Elder Z. Bullock is their Pastor.

*Shaloate.*—Write but little of interest—have no Pastor. Elder J. Bennett has regularly attended them.

*Sharon.*—Seem stationary. Elder A. King is their Pastor.

*Shiloh.*—Elder W. Ayers has ministered to them in holy things, which has resulted in an advancement in spirituality.

*Simpson's Creek.*—Acknowledge that there has been much unpleasantness, but peace is restored. Elder A. King is their supply.

*Saddle Tree.*—Continue stationary. Elder F. Prevatt is their Pastor.

*Western Prong.*—Peace and union exist. They are under the care of Elder H. Lennon.

*White Lake.*—They communicate nothing of interest. Elder D. B. Ayers labored for them.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. BEASLEY, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT on Special Changes in the Association.*

The Committee on Special Changes report, that there have been three deaths in our bounds in the past year. These were Brethren conspicuous in their several Churches, each well calculated to promote our cause. The first of these is Bro. Anthony Clemons, of Mt. Pisgah Church, Brunswick County, who was a Deacon of that Church, and one too that emerged from the grossest darkness, and a strong exemplification of the power of our most holy religion.

The next is our Bro. G. W. Melvin. Judging from the letter announcing his death, he was a conspicuous member of that body, and one whose death was greatly regretted.

The third is Bro. Jonathan Davis, of the Bethel Church, Brunswick County. He died on the 15th of September, and his wife on the 14th, the day before. He was a native of Wales, and came to this country soon after his maturity. He was principally engaged in the editing and publishing religious tracts and books, the principal of which were the Sermons of Christmas Evans. He had had the charge of the Bethel Church one year as Pastor, and the duties of his station he performed to the satisfaction of all his Brethren, and gained the esteem of all discriminating minds. He possessed a strong and vigorous mind, which had been enlarged by a liberal education, but wanting in bodily powers; he consequently did not arrive to that fame which would have been otherwise the case, had his strength been equal to his zeal. He was like his great Master, "Inured to poverty and pain," and a "Suffering life" this good man "lived," yet not a murmur escaped him—ever looking to his great reward.

ROBT. M. McRACKAN, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Southern Baptist Publication Society.*

Your Committee are of the opinion, that in this day of religious light and knowledge, every candid mind, upon a moment's reflection, must be convinced of the great importance and necessity of the diffusion of religious instruction throughout our land; and they feel it a matter deeply to be lamented, that whilst our country is flooded with presses teeming with the popular topics of the day, so few, comparatively speaking, are devoted to the sacred work of shedding the hallowed influences of morality and divine truth over the depraved minds of the reading public.

They believe that past experience fully testifies, that something is needed to give impetus to the more proper and due consideration of this matter; and whilst they regret not being in the possession of the information desirable to make a suitable report, they beg leave, in conclusion, respectfully to urge, as a valid reason for united action and vigorous effort, the dissolution of the Union which once existed between the North and the South in this great enterprize; that having assumed the name of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, it may exert an influence, not to be surpassed by the North, and thereby reflect a lasting credit to the States which it represents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. McDANIEL, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT on Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations.*

Your Committee on examining Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Associations, ask leave to report:

That from the Welch Neck Association we have no intelligence. We have only received a package of Minutes from the Union Association of 1846, which was noticed in our Minutes of that date.

From the Pee Dee Association, we can learn but little of their spiritual condition; but judge from the character of their reports, that there is much coldness in their Churches. Their Association appears to be conducted with a commendable spirit, and have appended to their Minutes a Circular "On consecration to the service of the living God," written with an eye single to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. M. BYRNE, *Chairman.*

## BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Board of Domestic Missions was called to order by Bro. H. Lennon.

Bro. John Smith was called to the Chair.

Appointed Brethren J. M. Beasley, Wm. Ayers, and S. T. Stanaland, a Committee of Finance.

The following individuals and Churches came forward and paid the sums to their names annexed:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fayetteville Church, | $15 00 | John F. McCall, | $5 00 |
| Matthew Autry, | 5 00 | Duncan Bullard, | 1 00 |
| Beaver Dam Ch., Bladen, | 5 00 | Sam'l T. Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| Moses Warwick, | 5 00 | R. D. Hewett, | 1 00 |
| Macedonia Church, | 5 00 | Absalom Powell, | 5 00 |
| Samuel Dusenberry, | 2 50 | William Ayers, | 5 00 |
| Thos. W. Westcoat, | 5 00 | Jacob Thompson, | 2 50 |
| C. Little, | 3 00 | New Britain Church, | 5 00 |
| John Smith, | 5 00 | Shalloate Church, | 5 00 |
| Wm. Frink, | 5 00 | Providence Church, | 5 00 |

Elected the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz: John Smith, President; Haynes Lennon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Executive Committee for last year reported. Report received and Committee discharged.

Invited Elder W. H. Jordan to a seat with us.

Committee of Finance reported $95 in their hands.

Ordered that the Financial Committee pay over to the Treasurer of this Board the sum stated in their Report.

Ordered that the Treasurer settle, out of the funds on hand, all arrearages due by this Board to Elders John F. McCall and D. B. Ayers.

Appointed H. Lennon, John G. Powell, and R. M. McRackan, an Executive Committee, to whom shall be referred the employment of an Itinerant.

Agreed that the Itinerant be allowed $1 per day.

Agreed that the unfinished business be referred to the Officers and Executive Committee of this Board.

Adjourned to time and place of the next Session of Cape Fear Association.

JOHN SMITH, *Pres't.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Sec'y.*

## *REPORT of Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board.*

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| Oct. 1847. | To cash of Financial Committee, | $95 00 |
| " | " " of Treasurer of C. F. Association, | 41 67 |
| | | $136 67 |

### CONTRA.

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| Oct. 1847. | By this am't overpaid J. F. McCall's receipt of Oct. 1846, | $15 80 | |
| " | " cash paid J. F. McCall, to balance, | 54 50 | |
| " | " this am't overpaid D. B. Ayers's receipt of Oct. 1846, | 10 45 | |
| " | " cash paid D. B. Ayers, to balance, | 38 30 | |
| | " do. now in Treasury, | 17 62 | |
| | | | $136 67 |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

## BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Society was called to order by Bro. John Smith, Secretary of last Session, who also was appointed to the Chair, and Bro. H. Lennon Secretary for the time being.

Appointed Brethren Zadoc Bullock and H. McAlpin a Committee of Finance.

The following is a list of the members, with their contributions:

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| Haynes Lennon, | $1 00 | Randal McDaniel, | $2 00 |
| Giles Williams, | 1 00 | J. M. Beasley, | 1 00 |
| Moses Warwick, | 1 00 | Samuel Dusenberry, | 1 00 |
| H. McAlpin, | 1 00 | John Smith, | 1 00 |
| Zadok Bullock, | 50 | Alfred Bennett, | 50 |
| Henry Eazor, (prepaid,) | | | |
| | | | $10 00 |

Proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows, viz: John Smith, President; J. M. Beasley, 1st Vice President; Moses Warwick, 2d Vice President; Haynes Lennon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Financial Committee reported the above amount of $10, and was discharged by their paying it to the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Treasurer forward the funds collected to the Treasurer of the State Bible Society.

Agreed that Brethren H. Lennon and W. Ayers be appointed Distributive Agents in this Association.

Agreed that the Agents be authorized to replenish, if necessary.

Adjourned to time and place of the next Cape Fear Association.

JOHN SMITH, *President.*
J. M. BEASLEY, 1*st V. P.*
M. WARWICK, 2*d V. P.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Sec'y.*

## *REPORT of Committee of Examination of Applicants for Ordination.*

The Committee, after an examination conducted as well as the limited time allowed, report that, though they find nothing to constitute a valid objection to the claims of any of the applicants for Ordination, they have agreed to recommend two of the Brethren for Ordination—Brother Smith, from the Beaver Dam, and Brother McAlpin, from the Rockfish Churches. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. BRANTLY, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Financial Committee.*

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|---|---|
| Received from the Churches this year, | $61 65 |
| Sabbath collection for Missions, | 23 52 |
| | $85 17 |

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. BEASLEY.

## *REPORT of Treasurer of Cape Fear Association.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from Committee of Finance, | | $85 17 |
| Paid for Printing Minutes of 1847, | $28 50 | |
| Paid Clerk for transcribing, &c. | 15 00 | |
| Paid Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board, | 41 67 | |
| | | $85 17 |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

### *Ministers' Names and their Post Office Address.*

William Ayers, Allen's Bridge, Marion District, S. C.
Darius B. Ayers, do. do.
*Alfred Rogers*, do. do.
Samuel Dusenberry, do. do.
Furney Prevatt, Leesville, Robeson County, N. C.
John F. McCall, do. do.
*Wm. B. Bullard*, do. do.
*William Bledsoe*, do. do.
Isham Stone, Lumberton, do.
*Norman Martin*, Gaddysville, do.
*Duncan Bullard*, Elizabeth Town, Bladen County, N. C.
*Thomas Smith*, do. do.
*James Cashwell*, do. do.
*R. Fisher*, do. do.
*George W. Hill*, White Marsh, Columbus County, N. C.
*Joel Little*, do. do.
Joel Bennett, do. do.
*John Meares*, Gum Swamp, do.
*George Parker*, Big Swamp, do.
Haynes Lennon, do. do.
*Zadok Bullock*, Fair Bluff, do.
*Benjamin Ward*, Whiteville, do.
*David J. Ray*, do. do.
George W. Lennon, Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C.
*E. Smith*, do. do.
*C. Little*, do. do.
A. King, Little River, S. C.
John Lee, Conwayborough, S. C.
*Richard Prince*, do. do.
*William Mints*, Shaloate, Brunswick County, N. C.
Robert McNabb, Fayetteville, N. C.
*Matthew Autry*, do.
WM. HOLLINGSWORTH, do.
Hezekiah Woodward, Owenville, Sampson County, N. C.
*Jordan H. Cobb*, St. Paul's, N. C.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

# *Cape Fear Baptist Association,*

HELD AT

**WESTERN PRONG,**

COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

October 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d,

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# MINUTES.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1848.

At the opening of the session, a discourse was delivered by W. Ayers, on iii. John, 4th v.: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth."

At 12 o'clock, M., the Association convened for business, under the direction of John Smith.

The Throne of Grace was addressed, and the Divine direction and blessing invoked by H. McAlpin.

Letters from the Churches were then called for, and Delegates' names enrolled, as follows:

## COUNTIES, CHURCHES, AND DELEGATES' NAMES.

### ROBESON COUNTY.

Ashpole—WILLIAM AYERS, E. Pitman,* Jo. Thompson.*
Antioch—George Warwick, Moses Meares, John Israel.
Ebenezer—
Big Branch—*Wm. B. Bullard,* Moses Warwick, Willis Barnes.
Mount Eliam—ISHAM STONE, Samuel Stone, Jacob Britt.
Mount Pisgah—John B. Thompson, Anderson Townsend, A. J. Thompson.*
Saddle Tree—FURNEY PREVATT, ELIAS DAVIS, James A. Rozier.
Providence—*Jordan H. Cobb,* Angus McMillan.
Pleasant Grove—*Norman Martin,* Archibald Griffin.*

### BLADEN COUNTY.

Beaver Dam—THOMAS SMITH, *Reuben Fisher,* Averitt Hall.
Brier Branch—Theophilus Tatom,* A. Cain, Daniel Register.
Hickory Grove—Robert M. Sessums, Ewen Johnson,* Allen Edwards.
Shiloh—John Monroe, Wm. Young, John Smith.
White Lake—DARIUS B. AYERS, James Carrol,* James Blackwell.

### COLUMBUS COUNTY.

Beaver Dam—James Hinson, Calton Souls,* Stafford Summerset.
Cherry Grove—William Strickland, Isham Strickland, J. H. Buffking.
Cross Roads—John E. Lennon, John M. Lennon, Curtis Fields.
Iron Hill X Roads—J. W. Gore, Wm. J. Hickman,* Edward Hickman.*
Macedonia—N. L. Williamson, Wm. W. Brown, *William Bledsoe.*
Mount Moriah—Musteen Formyduval.
Mount Tabor—Benjamin Harrelson, Elijah Phipps, Jesse Hinson.*
Mount Zion—*David J. Ray,* Charles P. Woodell, *D. D. Swindall.*
Pleasant Plains—*George W. Hill,* Matthew G. Sasser, M. Long.
Porter Swamp—John G. Powell, A. F. Powell, Daniel Coleman.
Seven Creeks—Needham Stevens, Jonathan Gore.
Western Prong—Richard Wooten, HAYNES LENNON, James C. Powell.

### BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

Bethel—George Wescoat, Lewis Wescoat,* Robt. M. McRackan.
Beulah—Daniel Stanaland, Isaac Hickman.
Cheerful Hope—GEORGE W. LENNON, *Ezekiel Smith,* Hugh Smith.
Mill Creek—
Mount Pisgah—Anthony B. Clemmons,* George Clemmons,* John Holden.
New Britain—John Russ, Etheldred Bozeman,* JOEL BENNETT.*
Shaloate—Henry Mints, Wm. W. Stanaland, J. W. Mints.*
Union—Charles V. Fulwood, Robert Woodsides.

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear—WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH, Charles B. Tyson, James Butler.
Cedar Creek—David T. Averitt, Daniel L. Smith, William C. West.
Concord—*Matthew Autrey*, G. Faircloth,* William H. Melvin.
Fayetteville—JOHN J. BRANTLY, John M. Beasley, Thomas McDaniel.
Rockfish—HUGH MCALPIN, John Musslewhite,* Thomas H. Massey.

### MARION DISTRICT, S. C.

Bear Swamp—SAMUEL DUSENBERRY, Noel Bullock, Michael Watson.
Saw Mill—

### HORRY DISTRICT, S. C.

Bethlehem—George W. Ward, Richard M. Todd,* William Spivey.*
Buck Creek—By Letter.
Good Hope—JOHN LEE,* Hezekiah Cartwright.*
Honey Camp—Felix Powell, *Richard Prince*,* Noah Blanton.
Mount Zion—William Edge, Daniel Lee,* William L. Dubois.*
Sharon—ABEL KING, Chistnutt Todd, Joseph B. Edge.*
Simpson's Creek—William A. Hardie, William E. Gore,* William Hughs.
Spring Branch—ZADOK BULLOCK, John Grainger, Elias Tyler.

The Association then proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows:—John Smith, Moderator; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer; Robert M. McRackan, Assistant Clerk.

Appointed as a Committee of Finance—John M. Beasley, A. F. Powell, and N. L. Williamson.

On motion, the reading of the Letters was called for, and the Assistant Clerk proceeded to read. [*For Contents, see Digest.*]

Newly constituted Churches* were then solicited to present their Letters, whereupon, Mount Carmel, Brunswick County; Pleasant Hill, Columbus County; and Piney Grove, Cumberland County, N. C., presented Letters, were examined, admitted into the Association as constituent members, and the Delegates received the right hand of fellowship.

Invited Corresponding and Visiting Brethren to seats: Duncan Monroe and Neill Leitch, from the Pee Dee; and H. E. Royal, G. W. Wallace, and Nathan Askew, from the Union Association, accepted seats.

Unanimously agreed, that Samuel Mims be invited to a seat in this Association.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees: To select Preachers for the Stage during the Session—Richard Wooten, H. Lennon, R. M. McRackan, J. M. Beasley, and J. Ellis: On Arrangements—H. McAlpin, H. Lennon, and R. M. McRackan: Special Changes in the Association—D. B. Ayers, M. Autrey, and I. Stone: Digest of the State of Religion as indicated in the Church Letters—A. F. Powell, J. M. Beasley, and J. Monroe: Examination of Applicants for Ordination—J. J. Brantly, W. Ayers, and G. W. Wallace: Bible Society—John Smith, John G. Powell, and R. Wooten: Selection of Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations—J. Thompson, E. Smith, and J. W. Gore: Ministerial Education—J. M. Beasley, J. J. Brantly, and M. Autrey. To write Letter of Correspondence to Pee Dee Association—John G. Powell: To Welch Neck—R. M. McRackan: To Union—J. J. Brantly.

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* Mount Carmel—A. S. White, Benjamin Caison, Thomas M. Chatterton.
Pleasant Hill—John Frink, Thomas Thompson.
Piney Grove—Samuel Cain, Joshua Taylor, D. Burroughs.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Wallace.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Session opened with prayer by N. Askew.

Committee of Arrangements reported. Report received and Committee discharged.

Committee to visit Beulah Church reported favorably, and was discharged.

Committee to collect materials preparatory to writing a Biographical Sketch of the departed Ministry, presented the annexed Report:

"That they have diligently sought the required information, and as yet have not been able to obtain enough to give ample satisfaction; yet they deem it advisable that this Association should appoint some Brother to prepare said Sketch, and present to the next Session of this Association."

On motion, W. Ayers, H. Lennon, S. Mims, and Joel Reaves were appointed a Committee to write the above mentioned Sketch.

*Resolved*, That each member of this Association interest himself in giving the above Committee all the information that can be obtained relative to each departed Minister.

Committee to visit the Good Hope Church reported, that a change for the better had been wrought in this Church, as would fully appear from their Letter. Report received and Committee discharged.

Appointed F. Prevatt, H. Lennon, and W. Ayers a Committee, to whom the condition of the Ebenezer and Saw Mill Churches shall be referred, and to report during the Session.

Agreed that the Clerk be allowed $15 for his services.

Voted, that the next Session of this Association be held at Big Branch, Robeson County, N. C., to commence Friday before 4th Lord's Day in October 1849: E. Davis to preach the Introductory Sermon at 10½ o'clock A. M.—H. McAlpin his alternate.

Appointed H. Lennon to preach the 12 o'clock Sermon on Sabbath, and W. Ayers his alternate.

Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the Saw Mill and Ebenezer Churches made the following Report:

"Your Committee are of opinion, that it would be to the interest of the members of Saw Mill Church, to dissolve at a period as early as practicable, and unite themselves to Churches of greater strength.

"Relative to the Ebenezer Church, we are of opinion, that a Committee of disinterested Ministers should be sent to confer with, and advise the adoption of such measures as in their wisdom comports with Gospel order."

Appointed E. Davis, W. Ayers, and F. Prevatt, a Committee to carry out the design of so much of the above Report as relates to the Ebenezer Church.

Agreed to suspend the business of the Association for the necessary space of time for holding a session of the Board of Domestic Missions.

Resumed the business of the Association.

Committee on examining applicants for Ordination reported favorable to the Ordination of Reuben Fisher, from Beaver Dam Church, Bladen County.

Committee to select Correspondents to sister Associations handed in the following:

To Welch Neck—Jacob Thompson, Norman Martin, and John Smith: To Pee Dee—W. Ayers, H. McAlpin, and A. F. Powell: To Union Association—D. B. Ayers, J. W. Gore, and H. McAlpin.

*Resolved*, That the Churches composing this Association set apart the first Friday in April next as a day of Fasting and Prayer, for a revival of Religion in this Association.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by G. W. Lennon.

## SABBATH.

The day was remarkably pleasant, and a large congregation was in attendance. The services were opened by G. W. Wallace, with a discourse founded on 1 Kings, x. chapter and 7th verse: "And behold, the half was not told me." J. J. Brantly preached the Missionary Sermon, from Heb., xiii. chapter and 16th verse: "But to do good and to communicate, forget not." At the close of this discourse, a collection was taken up. After the lapse of fifteen minutes, W. Ayers addressed the congregation, from Rev., i chapter, 15th verse: "And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."—The anxious were then invited, and prayer for them was offered by N. Askew. The Ministry seemed to be clothed with power, and the congregation was affected to an extraordinary degree. This day will not soon be forgotten by many.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by F. Prevatt.

Committee on Special Changes reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on the Digest of Religion, as stated in the Letters, asked further time to complete their labors.

Agreed that the above Report be submitted to the inspection of J. J. Brantly and H. Lennon, prior to going to press.

Committee on Bible Society was continued, and their Report to be submitted to the above named Committee of examination.

Corresponding Letters to Pee Dee and Union Associations, were read and received.

Committee on Ministerial Examination recommended the Ordination of George W. Hill, from Pleasant Plains Church.

Committee on Ministerial Education was continued, and ordered that their Report be examined by J. J. Brantly and H. Lennon, prior to publication.

The following Quere was then presented and discussed by several Brethren, but closed very harmoniously:

*Quere*—Is it in accordance with the usage of our denomination, in granting Letters of Dismission, to bind the applicants to attach themselves to any particular Church, and to specify it in the Letters?

*Answer*—It is in accordance with Baptist usage, when the individual knows the place of his intended location, in applying for a Letter of Dismission, to have said location specified in the Letter; but when he does not know the place of location, Letters are given to any Church of the same faith and order.

Agreed, that in the event the Domestic Mission Board should appoint a Missionary to labor in the bounds of this Association, that if he should at any time during the year deem it advisable to solicit a council of Ministers to aid him in resuscitating any Church or Churches, that the Ministry are hereby requested to assist him at any time or times, for effecting said object.

Agreed to suspend business for the holding of a session of the Bible Society.

On reassembling, ordered that 1500 copies of these Minutes be printed.

Committee of Finance reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Ordered, that the Committee of Finance pay into the hands of the Treasurer the amount of their Report.

Ordered, that the Treasurer, after defraying the expenses of transcribing and printing these Minutes, pay the residue of funds on hand to the Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board in this Association.

Ordered, that the Clerk furnish the inhabitants of this vicinity with as many copies of these Minutes as he may deem advisable.

*Resolved*, That the gratitude of this Association be expressed through these Minutes, to our friends and Brethren at this Church, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

Agreed to adjourn to time and place above specified.

Hymn by J. J. Brantly, and prayer by H. Lennon.

Thus closed one of the most pacific and harmonious Sessions the Association has ever witnessed.

JOHN SMITH, *Moderator*.

HAYNES LENNON, *Clerk*.
R. M. McRACKAN, *Assistant Clerk*.

# APPENDIX.

### *REPORT of Committee of Finance.*

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| Received from the Churches this year, | $74 42 |
| Sabbath Collection for Missions, | 26 00 |
| | $100 42 |

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. BEASLEY, *Chairman.*

### *REPORT of Treasurer of Cape Fear Association.*

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|---|---|---|
| Received from Committee of Finance, | | $100 42 |
| Paid for Printing Minutes of 1848, | $37 00 | |
| Paid Clerk for transcribing, &c. | 15 00 | |
| Paid Treasurer Domestic Mission Board, | 48 42 | |
| | | $100 42 |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

### *REPORT on Special Changes in the Association.*

Your Committee have been informed of but three members whose merits require notice in our Report: Brother William S. Jessup, who had quite recently been ordained Deacon of the Fayetteville Church. He departed in the prime of life. The loss of such a brother can only be estimated by those who knew him best: and while we sympathise with the Church, we mourn not as those who have no hope. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

The Mount Zion Church, Columbus County, has sustained the loss of their former Clerk, Brother Joshua Creach, who was well stricken in years, and like the fully ripe corn, was ready to be gathered into the garner.

The Mount Moriah Church has also sustained the loss of a most excellent member, Brother James Council. He suffered much for several months before his departure, but we trust his afflictions "wrought out for him a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW AUTREY, *Chairman.*

## *Religious Condition of the Churches, as exhibited in their Letters and general Statistics.*

### ROBESON COUNTY.

*Antioch*—Is afflicted with no disorders, and has enjoyed some happy seasons during the year. Constituted 1817. Pastor, Haynes Lennon. Association funds $1 50. Baptised 15; Received by Letter 1; Restored 4; Dismissed 5; Excluded 3; Died 3; Whites 121; Blacks 10; whole No. of members 131. Clerk, John Warwick. Post Office, Lumberton.

*Ashpole.*—Some considerable degree of religious feeling has pervaded this Church during the past year, and has finally deepened into a revival. Constituted 1793. Pastor, Z. Bullock. Ass'n funds $3 00. Baptised 30; Rec'd by Letter 8; Dismissed 0; Restored 3; Excluded 3; Died 2; Whites 170; Blacks 30; whole No. 200. Clerk, John R. Watson. Post Office, Leesville, N. C.

*Big Branch*—Has been visited during the year with some pleasing exhibitions of the Divine favor. Prayer meetings are regularly observed, and a good spirit pervades the Church. Constituted 1829. Pastor, F. Prevatt. Ass'n funds $2 00. Baptised 10; Rec'd by Letter 1; Restored 4; Dismissed 1; Excluded 10; Died 0; whole No. 119. Clerk, Wm. B. Bullard. Post Office, Leesville, N. C.

*Ebenezer.*—No representation or Letter from this Church. Constituted 1832.

*Mount Eliam*—Reports nothing of importance. Peace prevails, with some slight exception. Constituted 1834. Pastor, name not given. Ass'n funds $1 00. Baptised 0; Rec'd by Letter 0; Dismissed 0; Excluded 1; Died 0; whole No. 46. Clerk, James A. Lawson. Post Office, Lumberton, N. C.

*Mount Pisgah.*—This Church has experienced some considerable degree of awakening and interest during the year. Constituted 1839. Pastor, F. Prevatt. Ass'n funds $2 00. Baptised 12; Rec'd by Letter 4; Restored 4; Dismissed 0; Excluded 1; Died 1; Whites 73; Blacks 18; whole No. 91. Clerk, John B. Thompson. P. O., Lumberton.

*Providence.*—This Church is peaceful and harmonious; its Letter refers with pleasure to the large and attentive congregations who have waited on the Ministry, and expresses the hope that the time to favor Zion may not be far distant. Constituted 1835. Pastor, J. Monroe. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 0; Rec'd by Letter 2; Restored 0; Dismissed 0; Excluded 0; Died 1; whole No. 48. Clerk, not named.—Post Office, St. Paul's, N. C.

*Pleasant Grove*—Reports nothing of importance. Has had no regular Pastor, but has been supplied by Norman Martin, a Licentiate connected with the Church. Constituted 1831. Pastor, none. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 0; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 0; Excluded 2; Died 1; Whites 54; Blacks 16; whole No. 70. Clerk, Eli Bullock. Post Office, Gaddysville, N. C.

*Saddle Tree.*—Though free from open disorders and disagreements, this Church remains unblessed by any religious interest, and complains of much coldness. Constituted 1788. Pastor, F. Prevatt. Ass'n funds

$1 75. Baptised 3; Rec'd by Letter 3; Restored 0; Dismissed 4; Excluded 0; Died 0; Whites 27; Blacks 9; whole No. 36. Clerk, J. A. Rozier. Post Office, Lumberton, N. C.

### BLADEN COUNTY.

*Beaver Dam*—Communicates nothing of importance. Is in a peaceful and harmonious state. Has been supplied by F. Prevatt, Thomas Smith, Reuben Fisher. Constituted 1803. Pastor, no name given. Ass'n funds $2 00. Baptised 0; Rec'd by Letter 4; Restored 0; Dismissed 0; Died 1; Whites 151; Blacks 27; whole No. 178. Clerk, Jas. Hall. Post Office, Owenville, Sampson County, N. C.

*Brier Branch*—Reports no unusual religious interest. Constituted 1844. Pastor, F. Prevatt. Ass'n funds $2 00. Baptised 8; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 7; Excluded 1; Died 1; whole No. 138. Clerk, Jonathan Jones. Post Office, Elizabethtown, N. C.

*Hickory Grove*—Communicates no interesting religious intelligence. Is without a Pastor and destitute of regular preaching. Constituted 1834. Ass'n funds $1 00. No accession to the Church and no changes during the year. Whole No. members 64. Clerk, Ewen Johnson. Post Office, Elizabethtown, N. C.

*Shiloh*—Reports a revival of religion and much cheering intelligence. An active and prayerful spirit seems to pervade this Church. Constituted 1839. Pastor, Hugh McAlpin. Ass'n funds $3 00. Baptised 22; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 0; Excluded 1; Died 1; Whites 69; Blacks 38; whole No. 107. Clerk, John Smith. Post Office, Prospect Hall, N. C.

*White Lake*—Seems to be comforted and animated by the manifestations of the Lord's presence. Constituted 1833. Pastor, D. B. Ayers. Baptised 9; Rec'd by Letter 9; Dismissed 3; Excluded 1; Died 0; Whites 53; Blacks 12; whole No. 65. Clerk, D. H. Washburn. Post Office, Elizabethtown, N. C.

### COLUMBUS COUNTY.

*Beaver Dam*—Reports that peace and harmony prevail, and that some religious interest has been manifested during the year. Constituted 1820. Pastor, Z. Bullock. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 6; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 12; Excluded 3; Died 2; whole No. 100. Clerk, Everitt Hinson. P. O., Gum Swamp, N. C.

*Cherry Grove*—Reports that a religious feeling seems to be growing and earnestly prays for its continuance. Constituted 1845-6 ——. Pastor, Z. Bullock, Ass'n funds $1 25. Baptised 6; Rec'd by Letter 2; Restored 0. No other changes. Whites 23; Blacks 0. Clerk, B. Buffking. Post Office, ——.

*Cross Roads*—Reports only that it is free from dissensions and strife, and that a fraternal spirit prevails. Constituted 1800. Pastor, Elias Davis. Ass'n funds $2 00. Baptised 0; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 1; Dismissed 3; Excluded 1; Died 3; whole No. 113. Clerk, William Lennon. Post Office, Big Swamp, N. C.

*Iron Hill Cross Roads*—Communicates nothing of special importance. Is free from all disturbance. Constituted 1831. Pastor, Abel King. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 2; Rec'd by Letter 3; Restored

0; Dismissed 2; Excluded 0; Died 2; Whites 107; Blacks 12; whole No. 119. Clerk, John Meares. Post Office, Gum Swamp, N. C.

*Macedonia*—Reports nothing of special interest. Constituted 1839. Pastor, name not given. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 0; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 2; Excluded 0; Died 0; whole No. 72. Clerk, N. L. Williamson. Post Office, Porter Swamp, N. C.

*Mount Moriah.*—Not represented, and no Letter. Constituted 1841.

*Mount Tabor*—Reports the abounding of peace and brotherly love. Constituted 1838. Pastor, J. Lee. Ass'n funds $1 00. Baptised 3; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 0; Excluded 0; whole No. (whites) 63. Clerk, Andrew Mills. Post Office, Fair Bluff, S. C.

*Mount Zion*—Seems to be in a state of repose. Is without a Pastor. Ass'n funds $1 10. Baptised 2; Received by Letter 0; Dismissed 1; Excluded 1; Died 1; whole No. 40. Clerk, C. P. Woodell. Post Office, Whiteville, N. C.

*Pleasant Hill*—A new Church, constituted 18th March, 1848. Pastor, Z. Bullock. Ass'n funds $1. Baptised 6; Received by Letter 6; whole No. 21. Clerk, John Frink.

*Pleasant Plains*—Reports itself to be gradually emerging from a state of coldness and apathy. Constituted 1834. Pastor, P. Bennett. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 10; Rec'd by Letter 1; Restored 1; Dismissed by Letter 2; Excluded 1; Died 1; Whites 79; Blacks 16; whole No. 95. Clerk, M. G. Sasser. Post Office, Whiteville, N. C.

*Porter Swamp*—Reports nothing of importance. Constituted 1828. Pastor, H. Lennon. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 0; Received by Letter 1; Restored 0; Dismissed 1; Excluded 2; Died 1; Whites 69; Blacks 40; whole No. 109. Clerk, D. F. Williamson. Post Office, Porter Swamp.

*Seven Creeks*—Reports a revival during the year, and the prevalence of peace and union at present. Constituted 1803. Pastor, J. Lee. Ass'n funds $2. Baptised 16; Received by Letter 0; Restored 1; Dismissed 0; Excluded 0; Whites 69; Blacks 8; whole No. 77. Clerk, John Long. Post Office, Gum Swamp, N. C.

*Western Prong*—Reports nothing of special importance. Meetings on Sabbath generally well attended. Constituted 1843. Pastor, Haynes Lennon. Ass'n funds $1 57½. Dismissed 1. No other changes during the year. No. of members not given in the Letter. Clerk, Jas. C. Powell. Post Office, Western Prong, N. C.

### BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

*Bethel*—Reports some accessions, and a Sabbath School commenced. Constituted 1839. Pastor, Wm. Ayers. Ass'n funds not reported in Letter. Baptised 4; Received by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 0; Excluded 2; Died 0; Whites 51; Blacks 11; whole No. 62. Clerk, R. M. McRackan. Post Office, Smithville, N. C.

*Beulah*—Reports the removal of the difficulties hitherto existing, and the establishment of peace and good order. Constituted 1837. Pastor, Abel King. Ass'n funds $1. Baptised 3; Received by Letter 0; Restored 1; Dismissed 10; Excluded 0; Died 3; whole No. not given. Clerk, Wm. Matthews. Post Office, Little River, S. C.

*Cheerful Hope.*—No special report of the state of religion. From the number of accessions during the year the Church seems to be advancing. Constituted 1839. Pastor, G. W. Lennon. Ass'n funds $1 25. Baptised 16; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 1; Dismissed 0; Excluded 1; whole No. 50. Clerk, C. J. Byr. Post Office, Taylor's P. O., N. C.

*Mill Creek.*—No delegation and no Letter. Constituted 1820.

*Mount Carmel.*—A new Church. Constituted Sept. 25, 1848. Pastor, Abel King. Ass'n funds $1 50. Whole No. 15. Clerk, Thos. M. Chatterton. Post Office, Shaloate, N. C.

*Mount Pisgah*—Communicates nothing of particular importance. Constituted 1838. Pastor, Abel King. Ass'n funds $1. Baptised 12; Received by Letter 0; Restored 2; Dismissed 11; Excluded 2; Died 0; Whites 89; Blacks 21; whole No. 110. Clerk, A. B. Clemmons. Post Office, Smithville, N. C.

*New Britain*—Seems to be making no progress. Reports the existence of peace and love. Constituted 1804. Pastor, J. Bennett. Ass'n funds $2. Baptised 1; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 5; Excluded 0; Died 0; Whites 136; Blacks 11; whole No. 147. Clerk, J. ~~Black~~. Beach

*Shaloate*—Would seem not to be wholly stationary. Constituted 1837. Pastor, J. Bennett. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 9; Rec'd by Letter 1; Restored 1; Dismissed 10; Excluded 0; Died 1; Whites 71; Blacks 13; whole No. 84. Clerk, Jas. C. Busport. Post Office, Shaloate, N. C.

*Union*—Has nothing of special interest to report. Has been supplied by the Itinerant, Wm. Ayers. Ass'n funds $1. Baptised 6; Died 1; no other changes; whole No. of members 20. Clerk, R. Woodside.

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Cape Fear*—Reports a revival of religion during the past year, and still going on. Many have been added to the Church, and many more are waiting to receive the Ordinance of Baptism. Constituted 1794. Pastor, Hugh McAlpin. Ass'n funds $2 75. Baptised 22; Rec'd by Letter 4; Restored 1; Dismissed 4; Excluded 1; Died 3; Whites 92; Blacks 54; whole No. 146. Clerk, Jas. Butler. P. O., Fayetteville.

*Cedar Creek*—Reports serious difficulties as existing heretofore in the Church, but now happily removed. Constituted 1844. Pastor, none; supplied by F. Prevatt. Ass'n funds $2. Baptised 3; Rec'd by Letter 8; Restored 0; Dismissed 6; Excluded 3; Died 1; Whites 70; Blacks 2; whole No. 72. Clerk, M. H. Sewell. P. O., Fayetteville.

*Concord*—Reports nothing of interest. Constituted 1844. Pastor, F. Prevatt. Ass'n funds $2. Baptised 2; Received by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 1; Excluded 2; Died 0; Whites 96; Blacks 2; whole No. 98. Clerk, M. Autrey. Post Office, Fayetteville.

*Fayetteville*—Reports the prevalence of coldness and apathy. Has suffered a severe loss in the death of one of its Deacons, Wm. S. Jessup, a man universally respected in the community, and still more revered in the Church. Constituted 1842. Pastor, J. J. Brantly. Ass'n funds $3 00. Baptised 4; Rec'd by Letter 4; Restored 0; Dismissed 19; Excluded 11; Died 4; whites 164; Blacks 98; whole No. 262. Clerk, John M. Beasley. Post Office, Fayetteville.

*Pine Grove*—A new Church. Constituted April 22d, 1848. Seems to have been advancing since its formation. Pastor, D. B. Ayers. Ass'n funds $1 50. Baptised 11; Received by Letter 2; Restored 0; Dismissed 0; Excluded 0; Died 1; whole No. 31. Clerk, Samuel Cain. Post Office, Fayetteville.

*Little Rockfish*—Reports a steady growth of religious feeling and a revival. Constituted ——. Pastor, Hugh McAlpin. Ass'n funds $2. Baptised 13; Received by Letter 7; Restored 0; Dismissed 10; Excluded 0; Died 0; whole No. 48. Clerk, George Wilder. Post Office, Fayetteville.

### MARION DISTRICT, S. C.

*Bear Swamp*—Seems to be rejoicing in the manifestations of the Divine favor. Constituted 1831. Pastor, Sam'l Dusenberry. Ass'n funds $2. Baptised 9; Rec'd by Letter 4; Restored 0; Dismissed 4; Excluded 1; Died 5; Whites 156; Blacks 19; whole No. 175. Clerk, Wm. H. Hays. Post Office, Allen's Bridge, S. C.

*Saw Mill.*—Not represented. Constituted 1810.

### HORRY DISTRICT, S. C.

*Bethlehem*—Rejoices in a considerable revival of religion during the year. Constituted 1844. Pastor, Abel King. Ass'n funds $1 00. Baptised 32; Received by Letter 2; Restored 1; Dismissed 0; Excluded 1; Died 2; Whites 50; Blacks 9; whole No. 59. Clerk, Jos. J. Todd.

*Buck Creek*—Has been in a languishing state for some time, but begins to hope for better things. Constituted 1835. Pastor, J. Lee. No delegation, owing to sickness and other unavoidable circumstances. Ass'n funds $1 00. Baptised 2; Died 2;—no other changes. Whites 21; Blacks 6; whole No. 27. Clerk, Isaac G. Long. Post Office, Conwayborough, S. C.

*Good Hope*—Seems to be somewhat disordered, but less so than formerly. Nature of the disorders not specified. Constituted 1835. Pastor, Thomas G. Rogers. Ass'n funds $1 00. Baptised 2;—no other changes. Whites 23; Blacks 2; whole No. 25. Clerk, Hezekiah Cartwright. Post Office, Conwayborough, S. C.

*Honey Camp*—Reports the prevalence of peace, love and harmony. Constituted 1807. Pastor, John Lee. Ass'n funds 75 cts. Baptised 0; Rec'd by Letter 1; Restored 0; Dismissed 0; Excluded 2; whole No. male members 35. Clerk, name not given. Post Office, Fair Bluff, N. C.

*Mount Zion*—Reports that some difficulties have existed heretofore, but that now order is restored and love seems to abound. Constituted 1843. Pastor, John Woodward. Ass'n funds $1. Baptised 3;—no other changes. Whites 28; Blacks 3; whole No. 31. Clerk, Wm. L. Dubois. Post Office, Conwayborough, S. C.

*Sharon*—Reports some interesting meetings and revivals during the year, but the present state is one of coldness. Constituted 1835. Pastor, A. King. Ass'n funds $1 00. Baptised 7; Rec'd by Letter 1; Restored 1; Dismissed 0; Excluded 4; Died 0; whites 31; Blacks 25; whole No. 56. Clerk, Jos. B. Edge. Post Office, Dogwood Neck, Horry District, S. C.

*Simpson's Creek*—Reports that an unhappy state of things has existed hitherto, but that now peace and good order prevail. Constituted 1830. Pastor, Abel King. Ass'n funds $1 00. Baptised 0; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 0; Dismissed 1; Excluded 0; Died 1; whole No. 52. Clerk, Wm. A. Hardee. Post Office, Conwayboro'.

*Spring Branch*—Communicates no interesting intelligence; is in good order and united. Constituted 1830. Pastor, Z. Bullock. Ass'n funds $2 25. Baptised 1; Rec'd by Letter 0; Restored 3; Dismissed 0; Excluded 2; Died 1; Whites 113; Blacks 10; Whole No. 123. Clerk, Levi Grainger. Post Office, Fair Bluff, N. C.

## *REPORT of Committee on Bible Society.*

If to know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, be as we are assured, "Eternal life," then to adopt effectual measures to impart that knowledge to others, must be the most genuine exercise of benevolence. In no other way can benevolence find a more appropriate exercise, than in aiding to dispel the darkness which rests on the mind of man as to his true condition and his best interests; and in affording him correct views of his duty to God, and of the Eternal state towards which he is tending. This light the Bible gives him; it is the revelation of the will of God, and contains that which alone can make man truly great and happy. Without it, he would be doomed to grope amid the darkness of nature, and wander on in doubt and fear; with it, light rises to him in the darkness, and there is revealed to his eyes "the way and the truth and the life." If it be a part of Christian duty, as it undoubtedly is, to impart to others the blessings which we ourselves enjoy, then assuredly the obligation to aid in diffusing the light of the Gospel, and the knowledge of God, must rest on every Christian. Your Committee believe that the duties of Christians to God are but half performed, and their gratitude for his blessings but feebly expressed, until this object be made to occupy a prominent place in their prayers, their thoughts, their plans, and their labors.

JOHN SMITH, *Chairman.*

## *REPORT of Committee on Ministerial Education.*

It is highly important that more enlightened and liberal views should prevail in the Churches on the subject of Ministerial Education, and that a deeper interest in its promotion should be felt. It is impossible, in the narrow limits of a Report to be annexed to the Minutes, to exhibit in detail the reasons which must influence any intelligent mind to entertain the opinion just expressed. Nothing more can be done, than to state in general terms the importance of the subject, and the necessity of giving it more attention than heretofore. In the opinion of the Committee, the present condition of society, the greater diffusion of knowledge, and the efforts which other denominations, and our own in some parts of the country, are making to elevate the intellectual character of the Ministry, make it imperative on us to adopt some measures by which the condition of *our* Ministry in this respect may be improved. We admit that education and intellectual improvements are not the only requisites to an efficient Ministry; we take it for granted that genuine piety is the first condition, without which all other qualifications are useless. And we also admit that God, who shows his independence of human aid by choosing "the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and the weak things to confound the things that are mighty," is perfectly able to promote His religion, and establish His kingdom without the assistance of what we call a talented and educated Ministry. But the question is, is it not nevertheless our duty to improve the condition of our Ministry in these respects? God has chosen to commit to human instrumentality the work of extending the blessings of salvation, and building up His Church on earth. If this be so, is it not clearly our duty to make this instrumentality as *efficient* as possible, to employ all the means in our power to give it the greatest possible *strength* and *effectiveness?* The work is a spiritual one, and as such requires pious spiritually-minded men to perform it. It is also an intellectual work, and as such requires intellectual men. No system of education will make spiritually-minded men, but in order to have an intelligent, able and influential Ministry, it must be *educated.* It is wholly impossible for any one to know the extent and range of his own powers, except by means of literary cultivation. What we are must remain in a good degree a secret to ourselves, until the tests of learning are applied to its development. Let these fail to be applied, and the mental element, how rich soever, will lie dormant. The Ministry must be educated, then, to give the greatest efficiency to those powers by which they expect to operate on men. And besides this, the world is advancing in knowledge, society is becoming more intelligent, and if it is necessary for the Ministry to gain the respect of men before they can successfully operate upon them, then it is essential that they should not be thought inferior in intelligence and knowledge. The Committee earnestly recommend to the Churches to exert themselves to the utmost to promote this object.

JOHN J. BRANTLY, *Ch'n Com.*

## BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1848.

The Board was called to order by John Smith.

Elected John Smith, President; Haynes Lennon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointed Jacob Thompson and T. H. Massey a Committee of Finance.

The following individuals, Churches and Representatives came forward and paid in the sums hereunto annexed:

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| Fayetteville Church, | $15 00 | New Britain Church, | $5 00 |
| Macedonia, | 5 00 | Bethlehem Church, | 5 00 |
| Samuel Dusenberry, | 5 00 | Porter Swamp Church, | 5 00 |
| Furney Prevatt, | 5 00 | Rockfish Church, | 5 00 |
| Shiloh, | 5 00 | Simpson's Creek Church, | 5 00 |
| Ezekiel Smith, | 3 50 | Spring Branch Church, | 6 00 |
| C. Little, | 3 00 | Cape Fear Church, | 5 00 |
| Cheerful Hope Church, | 7 50 | Adm'r of G. W. Melvin's Estate, | 5 00 |
| Mount Pisgah Ch., Brunswick Co. | 5 00 | Daniel Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| R. M. McRackan, | 5 00 | Providence Church, | 5 00 |
| Jacob Thompson, | 5 00 | G. W. Lennon, | 5 00 |
| Sharon Church, | 10 00 | | |
| Shaloate Church, | 5 00 | | $135 00 |

Report of Itinerant was called for, received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Appointed Samuel Mims, Ezekiel Smith, Daniel Stanaland and John M. Beasley a Committee to obtain the services of a Missionary for the ensuing year.

Committee of Finance reported $135 collected.

Ordered, that said Committee pay over to the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions the amount reported.

Ordered, that the Treasurer settle with William Ayers according to the *time* specified in his Report.

Adjourned to Monday next.

MONDAY, 12¼ o'clock P. M.

Committee to obtain services of Missionary for the ensuing year reported that they had employed W. Ayers.

Agreed that the Missionary be allowed one dollar per day for his services.

Appointed H. Lennon, J. G. Powell, and R. M. McRackan, an Executive Committee, to whom shall be referred any unfinished business of this Board.

Adjourned to time and place of the next Session of Cape Fear Association.

JOHN SMITH, *President.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Secretary.*

### *REPORT of W. Ayers, Missionary in Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

I commenced the duties assigned me by the Board immediately after the adjournment of the Association, and I found the Churches generally in a cold state, owing in a great degree to the want of Ministerial labor; while there was anxiety manifested on the part of the brethren to recover from the state in which they were; the congregations large, respectable, and attentive; and I found improvement from my entrance, many restored that had been excluded, and from the destitute Churches the strongest appeals were made to come up to their help. I can say truly, a great improvement is discoverable from the beginning to the end, meeting in regard to the Missionary operations no opposition whatever, and leaving the Churches in the best condition I have ever known them,—and they heartily desire a continuance of the operations.

I have travelled during the year 278 days, preached 297 sermons, baptised 108 persons, and assisted in the constitution of one Church in Columbus County called *Pleasant Hill.* I received from Churches, Congregations and individuals, 90 dollars.

I will conclude this Report by affectionately recommending the Board to continue the work begun with all the ability possible, conceiving it to be a grand instrument in propagating what we as a denomination consider to be truth without any mixture of error. I respectfully and sincerely tender my thanks to the friends and brethren, for the kind and hospitable manner with which I have been received, and do sincerely pray the Great Head of the Church, that He may abundantly reward them with blessings here and hereafter.

WILLIAM AYERS.

### *REPORT of Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board.*

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| Remaining on hand last year, | $17 62 | |
| Collected by Treasurer, | 26 25 | |
| Received from Committee of Finance, | 135 00 | |
| Reported by Missionary, | 90 00 | |
| Received from Treasurer of C. F. Association, | 48 42 | |
| | | $317 29 |
| Paid Missionary as per receipt, | $278 00 | |
| Cash now in hands of Treasurer, | 39 29 | |
| | | $317 29 |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

## BIBLE SOCIETY IN CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

The Society was called into Session by John Smith.

Appointed John M. Beasley a Committee of Finance.

The following persons, or their proxies, came forward and paid in the following sums:

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| Randall McDaniel, | $2 00 | Furney Prevatt, | $1 00 |
| John M. Beasley, | 1 00 | Samuel Dusenberry, | 1 00 |
| Hugh McAlpin, | 1 00 | Daniel Stanaland, | 25 |
| T. H. Massey, | 1 00 | Charles V. Fulwood, | 75 |
| Zadok Bullock, | 1 00 | Chesnutt Todd, | 1 00 |
| John Smith, | 1 00 | Charles B. Tyson, | 25 |
| Ezekiel Smith, | 2 00 | David T. Averitt, | 1 00 |
| John Monroe, | 1 00 | Elijah Phipps, | 50 |
| Norman Martin, | 1 00 | George W. Lennon, | 1 00 |
| Samuel Mims, | 1 00 | Thomas Smith, | 25 |
| D. B. Ayers, | 1 00 | Robert Woodsides, | 50 |
| Matthew Autrey, | 1 00 | Haynes Lennon, | 1 00 |
| Wynne Nance, | 50 | | |
| N. L. Williamson, | 50 | | $23 50 |

Proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows, viz: John Smith, President; J. M. Beasley, 1st Vice President; Moses Warwick, 2d Vice President; Haynes Lennon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Committee of Finance reported $23 50, and were discharged by paying it to the Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Treasurer forward the Funds collected to the Treasurer of the State Bible Society.

Agreed, That W. Ayers and H. Lennon be appointed Distributive Agents in this Association.

Unanimously agreed, That the Agents be authorized to replenish, if necessary, during the year.

Adjourned to time and place of holding the next Session of Cape Fear Association.

JOHN SMITH, *President.*
J. M. BEASLEY, 1*st V. P.*
M. WARWICK, 2*d V. P.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Secretary.*

## MINISTERS' NAMES AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

William Ayers, Allen's Bridge, Marion District, S. C.
Samuel Dusenbery, do. do.
Furney Prevatt, Leesville, Robeson County, N. C.
*Wm. B. Bullard*, do. do.
*William Bledsoe*, do. do.
Isham Stone, Lumberton, do.
Elias Davis, do. do.
*Norman Martin*, Gaddysville, do.
Thomas Smith, Elizabeth Town, Bladen County, N. C.
*James Cashwell*, do. do.
*Reuben Fisher*, do. do.
*George W. Hill*, White Marsh, Columbus County, N. C.
*Joel Little*, do. do.
Joel Bennett, do. do.
*John Meares*, Gum Swamp, do.
*George Parker*, Ivey's Bluff, do.
Haynes Lennon, Big Swamp, do.
Zadok Bullock, Fair Bluff, do.
*Benjamin Ward*, Whiteville, do.
*David J. Ray*, do. do.
*D. D. Swindall*, do. do.
George W. Lennon, Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C.
*Ezekiel Smith*, do. do.
*C. Little*, do. do.
Abel King, Dogwood Neck, Horry District, S. C.
John Lee, do. do.
*Richard Prince*, Conwaysboro', do.
*Wm. Mints*, Shaloate, Brunswick County, N. C.
Robert McNabb, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, N. C.
John J. Brantly, do. do.
Matthew Autrey, do. do.
Wm. Hollingsworth, do. do.
Hugh McAlpin, Owenville, Sampson County, N. C.
Hezekiah Woodward, " do.
*Jordan H. Cobb*, St. Paul's, Robeson County, N. C.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY-FIFTH SESSION,

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT

BIG BRANCH, ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.

**OCTOBER 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 1849.**

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# MINUTES.

**Friday**, Oct. 26th, 1849.

The introductory Sermon was delivered at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Elder Elias Davis, from Jeremiah 17th chapter, 7th and 8th verses: "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drouth, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

After an intermission of ten minutes, the Association was called to order by Bro John Smith, and the Divine direction was invoked by Elder N. A. Purify.

Brethren A. F. Powell, Arthur Melvin, and Amos High, were appointed a committee of Finance.

Letters from the Churches were called for, read, delegates' names enrolled, Statistical and Financial accounts arranged.

Then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: John Smith, Moderator; Haynes Lennon, Clerk and Treasurer; Randle McDaniel, Assistant Clerk.

An invitation was extended to visiters—Ministers and brethren of Corresponding Associations—whereupon, Elder James McDaniel and Bro. G. R. French, from the Union Association accepted seats.

The following Committees were then announced by the Moderator:

To supply the Stage with Preachers—M. Warwick, A. F. Powell, E. Carlisle, M. Meares, and B. Freeman.

On Arrangements—John Smith, H. Lennon, R. McDaniel.

On Special Changes in the Association—W. Ayres, E. Carlisle, J. Stone.

On preparing a Digest of the state of religion in the Association as indicated in the Church Letters—H. Lennon.

On Ordination—N. A. Purify, James McDaniel, W. Ayers.

On Bible Society—J. [illegible], A. F. Powell, S. [illegible]berry.

On Temperance—R. McDaniel, J. [illegible], M. Warwick.

On [illegible]—N. A. Purify, [illegible], E. Davis.

On Missions—[illegible], James McDaniel, John Smith.

On Sunday Schools—D. B. Ayres, J. M. Beasley, W. B. Bullard.

On Periodicals—J. M. Beasley, A. High, G. R. French.

On preventing the sale of Ardent Spirits near the Association ground—M. Warwick, W. Barnes, K. Atkinson.

On preparing Letters of Correspondence:

To the Welsh Neck Association—N. A. Purify.

To the Union Association—R. McDaniel.

To the Pee Dee Association—H. Lennon.

The Association adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. McDaniel.

### SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder H. McAlpin.

Committee of Arrangements reported—Report received.

Committee of last Association on Biographical Sketch of the departed Ministry reported—Report received and Committee discharged.

Appointed Elder H. Lennon to prepare said sketch, so far as he may have materials so to do, and present the same to brethren John Smith, John M. Beasley and Randle McDaniel for examination.

*Ordered:* That the above sketch be appended to these Minutes, if approved by said Committee.

Committee of last Association, on visiting the Ebenezer Church, reported the following, and were discharged.

" We attended to the duties assigned us, and beg leave to report, that we recommended a dissolution of the Church, which was readily complied with. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE."

Agreed that the next Session of this Association be held at Bear Swamp Church, Marion District, S. C., commencing on Friday preceding the 4th Sabbath in October, 1850. Introductory discourse to be delivered by Elder Zadok Bullock, at 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M.; Elder G. W. Lennon alternate.

Appointed Elder N. A. Purify to preach the 12 o'clock Sermon, on Sabbath at next session of this Association; Elder H. Lennon alternate.

Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

Agreed to have 1500 copies of these Minutes printed.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on Baptist State Convention reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

At this stage of proceedings, the Association gave way, the necessary space of time for the holding of a Session of a Board of Domestic Missions.

On re-aassembling the moderator announced the following delegation; Elders N. A. Purify and H. McAlpin, and bro. J. M Beasly to the Union Association to meet at Bear Marsh, Duplin County, on Friday preceding 1st Sabbath in October 1850.

Brethren John Smith, Jacob Thompson, and Randle McDaniel, to the Welsh Neck Association, to meet at Society Hill this day two weeks.

Elder H. Lennon and Brethren J. H. Cobb and James Cashwell to the Pee Dee Association to meet at ———, Stanly County, on Friday preceding 4th Sabbath in September 1850.

QUERE—What course should a Church pursue towards one of her members who will traffic in Ardent Spirits for the sake of gain?

ANSWER—In the opinion of this Association, such member should be admonished to desist, and in the event he should still continue, he should be expelled.

Committee of Finance reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Ministers.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this Association pay over to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, the funds appropriated to Foreign Missions.

Adjourned to Monday morning 9 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by bro. J. H. Cobb.

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## SABBATH.

The public exercises were opened by Elder N. A. Purify with a discourse founded on Mathew 7th Chap. 7th verse: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Elder H. Lennon immediately followed, with a discourse on Ps. 43rd Chap. 3 verse: "O send out thy light and thy truth."

At the conclusion of the discourse, a general collection was taken up for Domestic Missions.

After an intermission of about thirty minutes Elder James McDaniel addressed the congregation from Ps. 90: 14. "O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."

Elder W. Ayers followed with an invitation to such as felt the need of prayer, to present themselves before the stand, and that the mercy of God would be supplicated in their behalf. While the congregration was praising God, a goodly number came forward—at the close of which, Elder N. A. Purify offered prayer.

The ministry labored with commendable zeal, and from the interest manifested by the hearers, we have strong reasons to hope for a blessing through our Redeemer.

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## Monday Morning.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Session opened with the reading of the 53rd Chap. of Isa., praise and prayer by Eld. E. Davis.

The following Reports were received from Committies, adopted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.:

Report on Special Changes,
Report on Bible Society,
Report on Sunday Schools.
Report on Periodicals.

Committies on Digest of Religion, and Missions, craved further time to prepare their reports, which was given.

Agreed that the above reports be submitted to brethren John Smith, J. M. Beasly and R. McDaniel for examination prior to their appendage to these minutes.

Committee of Finance reported $25,40 as the collection of yesterday, which was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of this Association.

The following Resolutions were then unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, his excellency, Charles Manly, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in virtue of a resolution adopted by the General Assembly of N. C., at its last Session, has issued his Proclamation setting apart Thursday the 15th of Nov. next, "as a day of solemn and public thanksgiving to Almighty God, for past blessings, and of supplication for his continued kindness and care over us as a State and as a Nation:"

Therefore, Resolved, That this Association recommend to its Ministers and Churches a strict observance of said day.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the Churches in its bounds, to observe Friday before the 2nd Lord's day in March next, as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God, for a General revival of religion in its bounds.

The Association then gave way for the Board of Domestic Missions, and Bible Society to hold their Sessions.

On re-assembling, it was ordered that the Treasurer of this Association defray the expenses of transcribing and printing these Minutes, and pay the residue of Funds on hand to the Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board in the bounds of this association.

Agreed that all unfinished business be referred to brethren Jno. Smith, J. M. Beasly, and R. McDaniel.

*Voted*, That the gratitude of this Association be expressed, through these minutes, to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of this Assocation.

Adjourned to time and place, above specified for the holding next Session of this association.

Valedictory remarks by Eld. J. McDaniel, and prayer by Eld H. Lennon.

JOHN SMITH, *Moderator.*

HAYNES LENNON, *Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

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| Cash sent up from the Churches this year, | $67,45 |
| " " " for Foreign Missions, | 14,25 |
| " Collected for B. S. Convention, | 3,25 |
| " " on Sabbath for D. Missions, | 25,40 |
| | $110,41 |

Respecfully submitted,
A. F. POWEL, CHAIRMAN,

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Temperance enterprize, is a subject if duly considered, would need no labored arguments to enforce the conviction of its merits upon the mind of every philanthropist. Individuals, families, neighbors, Towns, Counties and States, have much reason to rejoice that the various orders of the name have ever, like the varied hues of the bow of promise, made their appearance in our land.

Your Committee feel gratified to State from the information secured from the columns of "the Communicator," a Temperance paper published in Fayetteville, and which they take pleasure in recommending to the patronage of this Association—that the good and great cause of temperance is rapidly progressing, and that perhaps, the greatest obstacle in the way of its ultimate success is the system of what is commonly called moderate drinking, but which your committee believe, is more properly *immoderate drinking;* and though to set forth the unhappy consequences that frequently grow out of this unnecessary habit; and feeling as they do, much interest in this cause, must beg leave to make one or two remarks as expressive of their views in reference to it.—Your Committee are of opinion that this system or practice, of moderate drinking so called, is advocated and practised from a misconceived and mistaken notion of the meaning of the word "TEMPERANCE," inasmuch as it is agreed by its advocates, that as the word means the moderate use of any thing, that an individual must use some to be temperate.

Now your Committee are of opinion that "TEMPERANCE" is the moderate use of what is beneficial, and the total abstinence from what is injurious and hurtful.

They believe upon the authority of intelligent and respectable Physicians, that not the smallest portion of Ardent Spirits whatever, is beneficial, or needed for the health, either of body or mind, of any one in good health, and thus taking it for granted that no unbiased mind by love and thirst for the practice, will presume to doubt the fact, they say, that if none is needed, then none is *Temperance,* and that if the smallest portion whatever is used when none is needed, that is *exccess,* being more than is needed and consequently is in the strictest sense immoderation and intemperance.

Respectfully submitted
R. McDANIEL, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS,

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report:

We deem it of the greatest importance in order to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth, and the interest of the Baptist Denomination, that a more extensive criculation of religious Periodicals should speedily be brought about. It is obvious to every reflecting mind, that to be useful in society, the mind should be well imbued with that knowledge that pertaineth to the excellency of Christ. Religious Periodicals are the channel through which its prevalence is obtained, and through which a map of the moral world is presented to the Biblical Student. It is through such instrumentalities that the "dead yet speaketh," that Ministers of Christ are brought to co-operate in the general spread of the Gospel—that church members may learn the unity of Christ exhibited in themselves.

We shall present to your consideration the following periodicals:

Biblical Recorder, edited by Thos. Meredith, Weekly, Raleigh.
Religious and General Intelligencer " " J. McDaniel " Wilmington.
Baptist Messenger, " " C. R. Hendrickson Semi-monthly, Elizabeth City.
The Commission " " Monthly, Richmond, Va,
The Baptist Missionary Journal, " J. B. Taylor " " "
The Southern Baptist Review " " Thos. Meredith, Bi-monthly Raleigh,

From all, or any of the above named Periodicals, the brethren may learn much that is profitable to godliness.

Respectfully Submitted
JOHN M. BEASLY, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES IN THE ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee on Special Changes would report, that they have had the same under consideration, and feel happy to report that through the kindness of our heavenly Father no special change has occurred during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted
WILLIAM HYNES, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, present the following report:

That this is an enterprize that cannot be over-estimated and should receive the undivided attention of our Churches. The Ministry should consider it connected with their relative duties, as such, should encourage and sustain the enterprize in all places where the Lord may direct their labors, that "out of the mouth of babes and sucklings" the Lord may "perfect praise" to our redeemer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
D. B. AYERS, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Committee on the Baptist State Convention beg leave to present the following report:

In the opinion of your Committee the Convention which has been in existence a number of years has accomplished much good.

It has for its object the education of young ministers, and the support of home and foreign missions.

Your Committee commend the objects of the Convention to the prayerful and liberal support of this Association.

We also recommend the Association immediately on the reception of this report, to take up a collection to aid the Convention in its several objects.

All of which is respectfully submitted
N. A. PURIFY, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON BIBLE SOCIETY.

Your Committee would present the following:

That so far as they can learn, the Bible cause in the main is on the advance. The receipts of the American and Foreign Bible Society for the year ending April 6, 1849, were $39,840,86. Of this amount $8,550,32, for Bibles and Testaments sold; and $21,993, donations. During the year 13,638 Bibles, and 26,590 Testaments were issued from the Depository. Appropriations were made for Asamese, German, French, Chinese, Karen, Oriza, and Bengalee scriptures.

The condition of the Bible Society in North Carolina is far from being prosperous as will appear from their report of 19th inst before the society at Oxford: "That the destitution at home is great—that the demand for Bibles is increasing, and greater than can be supplied—that the society is in debt—and that an increase of funds is highly necessary."

It is deeply to be deplored that such destitution is prevalent with us. The claims of a Bleeding Saviour are humbly presented for your liberal support.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
JOHN T. HONRINE, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON EXAMINATIONS.

The committee on the examination of candidates for ordination, report as follows:

They have examined brethren Bay, Mints, and Cashwell, and recommend their several churches to have them ordained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
N. A. PURIFY, *Chairman,*

## REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions would respectfully submit the following report.

The "Missionary Enterprize" is identified with the Gospel Dispensation: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Its adaptation to the moral wants of mankind, and the development of those spiritual resources whereby the church of Christ is destined to reign triumphant, commends itself to the considerate regard of every rational mind.

The present system of the Missionary Societies, is the best, perhaps, that the circumstances of our times allow, and deserves the support of all the friends of the Redeemer, and his cause, till God shall show unto us "a more excellent way," characterized by the simplicity of primitive times, wherein more of God and less of man will appear.

In its present condition it is working wonders.—Nearly all denominations of Christians are engaged in the work, and perhaps every nation of the earth has been made the theatre of missionary operations. Our brethren of the Missionary Union are pushing forward their labors in Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America. Our Southern Board have missions in China, Republic of Liberia, and have recently appointed bro. J Bowen, missionary to Central Africa.

The Board informs us, that, in order to prosecute the missions now in progress more funds will be needed. These are all worthy and important objects, and such as claim the serious and devout consideration of this Association. But, that these may be well sustained, our home missionary field should be thoroughly cultivated.

All of which is duly submitted
HAYNES LENNON, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF TREASURER OF C. F. ASSOCIATION.

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| To cash received from Committee of Finance | $110.41 |
| By cash sent Treasurer of B. S. Convention pr. N. A. Purify | $17,50 |
| " " paid for printing Minutes of 1849 | |
| " " paid Clerk for transcribing, &c. | $15,00 |
| " " paid Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board | $110,41 |

HAYNES LENNON, *Treasurer.*

| COUNTIES. | CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Received. by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Association Fund. |
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| *Robeson.* | Ashpole, | William Ayres, Joseph Thompson, Kinchin Atkinson, | 4 | 15 | | 4 | 2 | 2 | 214 | $3 00 |
| " | Antioch, | John W. Smith, Moses Meares, George Warwick, | 11 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 126 | 1 50 |
| " | Big Branch, | Moses Warwick, *William B. Bullard* Willis Barnes, | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 8 | 1 | 114 | 2 00 |
| " | Mount Eliam, | Isham Stone, James R. Stone, Leonard Ivey, | | | | | | | 43 | 1 00 |
| " | Mount Pisgah, | Furney Prevatt, Jacob Thompson, John B. Thompson, | | 1 | | | 3 | | 89 | 1 50 |
| " | Saddle Tree, | Elias Davis, Elias Carlisle, Benjamin F. Freeman, | 1 | 2 | | 5 | 1 | | 32 | 1 80 |
| " | Providence, | *Jordan H. Cobb*, A. McMillan, | | | | 1 | | 2 | 46 | 1 50 |
| " | Pleasant Grove, | William Pitman, *Norman Martin*, Joseph K. Williams, | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 76 | 1 50 |
| *Bladen.* | Beaver Dam, | Thomas Smith, Reuben Fisher, D. B. Melvin, | 1 | | 1 | 14 | 18 | 3 | 162 | 1 50 |
| " | Brier Branch, | Theophilus Tatom, Jonathan Jones, Amos Cain, | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 2 | 133 | 1 60 |
| " | Hickory Grove, | Robt. M. Sessums, Allen Edwards, Ewen Johnson, | 4 | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 66 | 1 00 |
| " | Shiloh, | John Smith, John Monroe, John M. Byrne, | 3 | | | | | 1 | 116 | 2 15 |
| " | White Lake, | *Darius B. Ayers*, J. Carrol, J. H. Mashburn, | | 2 | | | | | 65 | 1 00 |
| *Columbus.* | Beaver Dam, | Elliot Hinson, William Ward, George W. Sellars, | | | | 7 | 2 | | 92 | 1 20 |
| " | Cherry Grove, | William Strickland, Bythel Buffking, John H. Buffking, | 8 | | | | 1 | | 34 | 1 25 |
| " | Cross Roads, | John M. Lennon, John E. Lennon, Cornelius McColskey, | 9 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 114 | 2 00 |
| " | Iron Hill Cross Roads, | J. W. Gore, John Todd, Caleb Spivey, | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 129 | 1 50 |
| " | Macedonia, | Nathaniel L. Williamson, Wm. W. Brown, L. Williams. | | | | 2 | | | 89 | 1 50 |
| " | Mount Moriah, | Not Represented. Total of 1843 extended, | | | | | | | 16 | |
| " | Mount Tabor, | Jesse Hinson, Elijah Phipps, George Spivey, | 2 | 2 | | 15 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 1 00 |
| " | Mount Zion, | *David J. Ray*, C. P. Woodel, W. D. Ray, | 67 | | 3 | | 1 | | 116 | 1 50 |
| " | Pleasant Plains, | George W. Hill, Matthew G. Sasser, Theophilus Suggs, | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 87 | 1 25 |
| " | Porter Swamp, | A. Franklin Powell, Absalom Powell, Daniel Coleman, | 4 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 104 | 1 75 |
| " | Pleasant Hill, | William T. Frink, James C. Summerset, M. Etheridge, | 1 | 1 | | | | | 23 | 1 00 |
| " | Seven Creeks, | Needham Stevens, J. L. Faulk, R. Long, | | | | | 2 | 1 | 75 | 1 50 |
| " | Western Prong, | Haynes Lennon, Richard Wooten, Amos High, | | | | | | 1 | 26 | 1 55 |

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| ***Brunswick.*** | Bethel, | J. L. Wescoat, Thomas Wescoat, Levi Swain, | 5 | 1 | | | 1 | | 68 | 1 00 |
| " | Beaulah, | William Matthews, Daniel Stanaland, S. S. Thomas, | | | | 1 | | | 33 | 1 00 |
| " | Cheerful Hope, | George W. Lennon, C. Little, Prospeyre Lenon, | 4 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 55 | 1 00 |
| " | Mount Pisgah, | John Holden, Sr., John Sellars, John Simmons, | 6 | | 2 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 106 | 1 00 |
| " | Mount Carmel, | By Letter from the Clerk, accepted. (Total of 1848.) | | | | | | | 15 | |
| " | Mill Creek, | Thomas Robbins, Sr., Peter Tharpe, William Willits, | 17 | | 12 | | 1 | 1 | 41 | 1 00 |
| " | New Britain, | John Russ, Benjamin Ivey, E. Bozeman, (Total of 1848.) | | | | | | | 147 | 2 00 |
| " | Shalotte, | *William M. Mints*, Jesse Gardner, Henry Mints, | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 86 | 1 50 |
| " | Union, | Robert Woodsides, Charles V. Fulwood, | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | 18 | 1 00 |
| ***Cumberland.*** | Cape Fear, | *James Cashwell*, James Butler, James Marsh, | 37 | 5 | | 5 | 3 | | 170 | 3 00 |
| " | Cedar Creek, | Arthur Melvin, Duncan P. West, William C. West, | | 1 | | | | | 75 | 2 00 |
| " | Concord, | Hardy Jones, Daniel Horne, Robert D. Horne, | | 1 | | 2 | 10 | 3 | 84 | 2 00 |
| " | Fayetteville, | Nicholas A. Purify, J. M. Beasley, Randle McDaniel, | 8 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 249 | 3 00 |
| " | Piney Grove, | John T. Hornrine, Joshua Taylor, Z. A. West, | 2 | 6 | | 3 | 2 | | 34 | 1 50 |
| " | Rock Fish, | Total of 1848 extended, | | | | | | | 48 | |
| ***Marion District, S.C.*** | Bear Swamp, | Samuel Dusenberry, Noel Bullock, Thomas P. Watson, | | 2 | | 8 | 1 | 2 | 165 | 2 50 |
| ***Horry District, S.C.*** | Bethlehem, | Robert Milligan, R. M. Todd, John J. Anderson, | 2 | | | | | 1 | 62 | |
| " | Buck Creek, | Jesse M. Smith, Drisdel Stanaland, | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | 31 | 1 00 |
| " | Honey Camp, | John Harrelson, Jesse Harrelson, Edward C. Powell, | | | | 2 | 2 | | 55 | 75 |
| " | Macedonia, | W. Hardie, J. J. Ludlum, J. Holmes, (Total of 1848.) | | 3 | | | | | 28 | 1 00 |
| " | Mount Zion, | William Edge, William L. Dubois, William Thompson, | | | | | 2 | | 29 | 50 |
| " | Sharon, | Total of 1848 extended, | | | | | | | 56 | |
| " | Simpson's Creek, | John G. Gore, Needham J. Cox, William Hughs, | 7 | | | 2 | | 1 | 59 | 1 00 |
| " | Spring Branch, | Zadock Bullock, Henry Enzor, Henry Coleman, | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 124 | 1 50 |
| | | | 218 | 64 | 29 | 99 | 84 | 28 | 4048 | |

# A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION AS INDICATED IN THE CHURCH LETTERS.

*Adtioch*—This Church enjoys much union and peace, and is under the care of Eld. Haynes Lennon.

*Ashpole*—Has experienced but little change, Elder Z. Bullock, Pastor.

*Black Swamp*—Is under the Pastoral care of Eld. F. Prevatt—cammunicates but little in relation to the condition of the church. The congregation is large and much interest has been manifested of late. This church has formerly been called Mount Pisgah.

*Bear Swamp.*—Eld. S. Dusenberry is Pastor. From an increased anxiety in the congregation to hear the word preached, a hope is entertained for a refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

*Beaulah.*—For the past year this Church has been favored with much preaching, but "The word preached did not profit, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Eld. A. King was their Pastor, Eld. Thos. G. Rogers attended monthly.

*Beaverdam, Bladen County.*—From the character given in the letter, we are led to conclude that the enemy has been sowing tares, and that the Bible has been wofully disregarded. Eld. Thos. Smith is the Pastor.

*Beaverdam, Columbus County.*—Under the pastorate of Eld Z. Bullock—this Church seems to be progressing.

*Bethel.*—Is contending for the faith delivered to the saints—has no Pastor, but has enjoyed the labours of the Missionary.

*Bethlehem*—Is afflicted with difficulties.

*Big Branch*—Communicates nothing important. The Pastor, Eld. F. Prevatt, is much venerated.

*Brier Branch*—Sends nothing interesting.

*Buck Creek*—Has no Pastor, but is in love and peace.

*Cape Fear.*—This Church, under the ministry of Eld. H. McAlpin is growing in members and improving in discipline.

*Cedar Creek*—Complains of coldness. Eld. F. Prevatt, Pastor.

*Cheerful Hope*—Says nothing about the spirituality of the Church. Eld. G. W. Lennon, Pastor.

*Cherry Grove*—Under the Ministry of Eld. Z. Bullock, enjoys peace and love.

*Concord.*—A general coldness prevails. Eld. R. Fisher, Pastor.

*Cross Roads.*—Eld. H. Davis ministers to them in spiritual things acceptably. All in peace.

*Fayetteville*—Is under the care of Eld. N. A. Purify, whose labors are blessed to edification of the Church.

*Hickory Grove*—has enjoyed the labors of Eld. O. Stone. There is peace and love abounding, and an expectation of the outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord upon the Congregation.

*Honey Camp*—Report nothing cheering.

*Iron Hill & [illegible]*—There are some difficulties in this Church.

*Macedonia*, N. C.—This Church has no Pastor. Bro. George Parker, their licensed minister preaches for them regularly. "We have had no revivals the past year."

*Macedonia, S. C.*—This Church has hitherto been called "Good Hope.' From some cause there is much confusion, yet hope by the next Association to be able to report better things.

*Mill Creek.*—There seems to have been a waking up, with the members of this church. They have enjoyed the services of our Missionary, and, through his counsel, have resolved to hold conferences monthly. Bro. John Holmes was taken from them on 1st of March last.

*Mount Carmel.*—No change—all in peace.

*Mount Eliam*—Communicates nothing of importance.

*Mount Pisgah*—Is destitute of a Pastor. Coldness exist to a considerable degree.

*Mount Tabor.*—Eld. G. W. Hill, Pastor. All in peace and a revival in progress.

*Mount Zion*, N. C.—This Church has witnessed an extraordinary ingathering during the past summer. *Sixty* seven persons have been baptized. Zadok Bullock is their Pastor.

*Mount Zion*, *S. C.*—Destitute of a Pastor. There is much coldness. They are dependent on the Missionary for preaching.

*Piny Grove*—Is in peace and love.

*Pleasant Grove.*—Under the ministry of Eld. Samuel Dusenberry; there is much harmony and peace in the church.

*Pleasant Hill*—Is under the pastoral care of Eld. Z. Bullock. All in peace.

And now, Dear Brethren, allow me to present my thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me, as your minister. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon the Churches in general, and those who have opened their doors to entertain your humble servant in particular.

WILLIAM AYERS.

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## BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Society was called into session by John Smith. Appointed Richard Wooten and Darius B. Ayres a Committee of Finance.

The following persons, or their proxies, came forward and paid to the Committee of Finance the following sums:

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| Richard Wooten, | $1,00 | Rev. D. B. Ayers, | $1,00 |
| Rev. J. J. Brantly, | 5,00 | Jno. M. Beasly, | 1,00 |
| Rev. W. Ayers, | 1,00 | J. W. Ham, | 50 |
| Rev. S. Dusenberry, | 1,00 | R. McDaniel, | 2,00 |
| Rev. G. W. Hill, | 1,00 | [illegible] | 2,00 |
| Sohn Smith, | 1,00 | Rev F. Prevatt, | 1,00 |
| Joshua Tayton, | [illegible] | [illegible] | 50 |
| Rev. G. W. Lennon, | 1,00 | Robt. Woodsides, | 50 |
| Moses Warwick, | 1,00 | James Marsh, | 50 |
| Daniel Stanaland, | 1,00 | H. W. Ellis, | 1,00 |
| Rev. Z. Bullock, | 1,00 | Rev. H. Lennon, | 1,00 |
| A. F. Powell, | 1,00 | | |
| C. Little, | 50 | | $28,00 |
| Rev. H. McAlpin, | 1,00 | | |

Elected John Smith, President, J. M. Beasly, 1st V. P; M. Warwick, 2d V P; Haynes Lennon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Ordered that the Funds in hands of Financial Committee be paid over to the Treasurer, of Bible Society.

Agents reported the receipt of 36 Bibles and Testaments valued at $24,42, being the only package received for the contributions of the Bible Society sent up to the State Bible Society in 1845 and 1846.

That they had sold to the amount of $14,45—that there were 11 small bibles on hand and the balance had been called for by subscribers.

The Treasurer reported that he had withheld the Funds of 1847 and 1848 and upon giving his reasons, was commended for so doing.

Appointed John Smith, J. J. Brantly, R. A. Purify, J. M. Beasly, H Lennon, and R. McDaniel, an Executive Committee to whom was referred the disposition of the Bible Society Funds and the unfinished business of this session.

Adjourned to time and place of holding next session of C. F. Association.

JAS. SMITH, *President*,
J. M. BEASLY, 1*st V. P.*
M. WARWICK, 2*d V. P.*

H. Lennon, *Secretary.*

Cost of Printing, $37.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

BEAR SWAMP, MARION DISTRICT,

Oct. 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th,

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# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1850.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered at 11 o'clock A. M., by Eld. Z. Bullock, from Hebrews, 11th chapter, 14th verse: "For they that say such things, declare plainly that they seek a country."

After the lapse of a few minutes, the Association was called to order by Bro. John Smith, Moderator, and the Divine direction invoked by Bro. J. T. Honryne.

Appointed Brethren R. McRackan and J. M. Beasley Assistant Clerks.

Appointed Brethren Benj. Freeman, A. H. Powel and D. T. Everett a Committee of Finance.

The Letters from the Churches were now called for and read; the names of Delegates were enrolled, and statistics recorded. [*See Table.*]

The Letters having been read and the names of Delegates recorded, Bro. Smith expressed his sense of obligation to the Association for the honor conferred in making him the presiding officer of several past sessions, and hoped the Brethren would decline putting him in nomination for re-election. Whereupon the following election took place, viz: Rev. H. Lennon, Moderator; R. McDaniel, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, visiting Ministers and Brethren from Corresponding Associations were invited to take seats with us. Brethren C. Reaves, J. Allen and D. Coleman presented themselves from the Welsh Neck Association, and Brother A. M. Rockwell, from the Raleigh Association.

On motion, an invitaton was extended to any Church wishing connection with this body, now to make application.

The Second Baptist Church, (Orange street,) Wilmington, presented a Letter desiring admission.

On motion, the Letter, together with the Covenant which accompanied it, were read. The Petition, after some discussion, was granted, and the Delegates received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

A Letter was presented from Mount Sinai Church, Columbus County, applying for membership. The petition was granted, and the Delegates received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Appointed Thos. P. Watson, E. B. Ford and Stephen Grantham a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed Benj. Freeman, W. Ayres and R. McRackan a Committee to supply the Stage with Preachers during the Session.

Appointed R. McDaniel, R. McRackan and B. Freeman a Committee of Arrangements.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow.

## SATURDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Association met. Reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer by Rev. A. M. Rockwell.

After the reading of the Minutes of yesterday, the Moderator announced the following Committees:

*On Ordination.*—W. Ayres, E. Davis, J. Allen, A. P. Repiton.

*On Bible Society.*—J. Smith, G. W. Lennon, D. Ray.

*On Periodicals.*—R. McRackan, A. M. Rockwell, W. B. Bullard.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—R. McDaniel, J. T. Honrine, E. Carlisle.

*On Baptist State Convention.*—A. P. Repiton, A. F. Powell, D. B. Ayres.

*On Domestic Missions.*—H. McAlpin, J. M. Beasley, J. Guy.

*On Baptist Publication Society.*—Benj. Freeman, J. Allen, D. T. Everett.

*On Temperance.*—E. Bozeman, C. Reaves, J. D. Coleman.

On motion, Brethren W. Ayres, W. B. Bullard and H. Lennon were appointed to visit those Churches failing to represent, and inquire into the cause, and report at next Session.

Committee of Arrangements reported—Petitions for next Association; Quere from Mount Zion Church; the request of the Sharon and Mount Zion Churches to unite. Report received.

Agreed that the next Session of this body be held with the Cedar Creek Church, Cumberland County, commencing on Saturday preceding the 1st Sabbath in Nov'r 1851.

Appointed Rev. Wm. Ayres to preach the Introductory Sermon, at 10½ o'clock A. M.;—Rev. F. Prevatt, Alternate.

Appointed A. P. Repiton to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath;—Rev. E. Davis, Alternate.

*Quere.*—Is it requisite that a majority of the male members of a Church shall be present in order to hold Conference? *Answer.*—No.

The Sharon and Mount Zion Churches are advised by the Association to unite.

On motion, took a recess of thirty minutes; at the expiration of which time, agreed that the Board of Domestic Missions come into session.

On re-assembling, the following Brethren were appointed to write Letters of Correspondence to sister Associations: J. Smith to the Welsh Neck; Benj. Freeman to the Union; J. H. Cobb to the Pedee.

On motion, agreed that 1500 copies of these Minutes be printed.

Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services, and that he get whom he may see proper to print the Minutes.

Appointed a Committee, consisting of Brethren Prevatt, Bullock and Dusenberry, to visit the Honey Camp Church.

Appointed Brethren H. McAlpin, D. B. Ayres and Wm. Hollingsworth Delegates to the Union Association, to be held in Greene County, Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October 1851. J. T. Honrine, J. H. Cobb and F. Prevatt, to the Pedee Association. J. Smith, W. Ayres and Jacob Thompson, to the Welsh Neck Association.

Appointed Brethren William Ayres, Z. Bullock and G. W. Hill, to visit the Macedonia Church, Columbus County, and inquire into the state of it, and report at next Session.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock, Monday. Prayer by Bro. Prevatt.

## SABBATH.

A very large congregation assembled. The exercises were commenced by Rev. A. M. Rockwell, who preached from the 14th and 15th verses of the 1st chapter of Romans: "I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise; so as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also."

After this discourse, Rev. N. A. Purify, appointed at last Session to preach the Charity Sermon, being absent, Rev. H. Lennon, Alternate, being indisposed, the congregation was addressed by Rev. A. P. Repiton, from Peter, 3d chapter, part of the 18th verse: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins."

At the conclusion of this discourse, a collection was taken up in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions.

After an intermission of some minutes, the congregation was again addressed by Rev. J. Allen, from Mark, 11th chapter, part of the 26th verse: "Who then can be saved?"

Rev. H. Lennon concluded the services of the day with some animated remarks, briefly adverting to the various subjects of the previous discourses, under which many seem to feel, and it is hoped good will result.

## MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Association met. After calling the Roll, Prayer by Bro. Cobb.

The Committee on Ordination reported. Reported adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

The Committee on Bible Society reported. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

The Committee on Periodicals reported. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

The Committee on Baptist State Convention reported. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

The Committee on Baptist Publication Society reported. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

Appointed Rev. H. Lennon, Rev. A. P. Repiton, J. M. Beasley, R.

McRackan, Rev. H. McAlpin, R. McDaniel, J. T. Honrine, A. Melvin, Rev. Wm. Ayres, Rev. F. Prevatt, Benj. Freeman, A. F. Powell, Jno. Smith, P. Taylor, Daniel Stanaland, Louis Prescoat, T. M. Chatterton, D. B. Ayres, G. W. Lennon, J. Cobb, and N. A. Purify, Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to be held in Wilmington, on Thursday preceding the 3d Sabbath in October 1851.

Letter of Correspondence to the Union Association called for, read and received.

Letters of Correspondence to the Pedee and Welsh Neck Associations not being prepared, farther time was given those appointed to write them.

Appointed Rev. N. A. Purify, J. M. Beasley and P. Taylor to prepare a Digest of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated in the Church Letters.

Committee on Finance reported. Report received, and Committee discharged after paying over the amount into the hands of the Treasurer of the Association.

Appointed the following Committees to report at next Association:

*On Ministerial Education.*—N. A. Purify, J. M. Beasley.

*On Foreign Missions.*—H. McAlpin, J. T. Honrine.

*On Domestic Missions*—R. McRackan, L. Wescoat.

*On Bible Society.*—John Smith, J. Munroe.

*On Sabbath Schools and Publication Society.*—A. P. Repiton, G. W. Lennon.

*On Baptist State Convention.*—H. Lennon, R. Wooten.

*On Temperance.*—R. McDaniel, H. H. Ellis.

On motion, agreed to suspend the business of the Association the necessary time for the Domestic Mission Board and Bible Society to hold their Sessions.

The Association having again come into session, on motion, the name of a Delegate of the Macedonia Church was ordered to be expunged from the Minutes, for being in an intoxicated state.

Ordered, that all the moneys of the Minute Fund and Sabbath Collection be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the members of this Church, and to the residents in the vicinity, for their kind hospitality during the present session.

Appointed W. Ayres, H. Lennon, F. Prevatt, H. McAlpin, A. P. Repiton and J. Smith, to prepare an Abstract of the Principles of this Association, to be presented on the first day of next Association for consideration.

On motion, adjourned to time and place specified for holding the next session of this Association.

Valedictory remarks and Prayer by Rev. H. Lennon.

H. LENNON, *Moderator.*

R. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec by Let | Restored. | Dis. by Let | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Associat'n Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robeson. | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Wm. Ayres, J. Pitman, Joseph Thompson, | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 226 | 3 00 |
| Antioch, | G. Warrick, M. Meares, J. A. Rozier, | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 134 | 2 00 |
| Big Branch, | Z. Bullock, M. Warrick, W. B. Bullard, | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 127 | 2 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | J. Stone, S. Stone, Jacob Britt, | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 44 | 1 00 |
| Back Swamp, | F. Prevatt, J. Thompson, J. B. Thompson, | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 86 | 1 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | E. Davis, E. Carlisle, Benj. Freeman, | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 1 25 |
| Providence, | J. H. Cobb, J. Looper, D. McGougan, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | James Moore, N. Martin, W. Pitman,* | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 70 | 1 50 |
| Bladen. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Reuben Fisher, James Hall, P. P. Rollings, | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 152 | 1 50 |
| Brier Branch, | John Cain, J. Jones, William Cowen, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 130 | 2 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | E. Johnson, R. M. Sessoms,* G. Wilson,* | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 69 | 1 00 |
| Shiloh, | J. Smith, R. Hall, E. Martin, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 123 | 2 50 |
| White Lake, | D. B. Ayres, J. Carrol,* D. H. Mashburn,* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 1 65 |
| Columbus. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | A. M. Noble, C. Souls,* James Henson,* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 107 | 1 50 |
| Cherry Grove, | J. H. Buffking,* W. Strickland, J. Coleman, | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 1 15 |
| Cross Roads, | John E. Lennon, W. Lennon, C. Ivey,* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 2 00 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | J. W. Gore, J. Todd, Stephen Wright, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | W. Watters, D. Nance, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 1 50 |
| Mount Moriah, | Not represented. | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | .... | ..... |
| Mount Tabor, | E. Phillips, J. Hinson,* W. J. Sarvis,* | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Mount Zion, | D. J. Ray, C. P. Woodill, J. J. High, | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 122 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | M. G. Sasser, Theop. Suggs, M. Long, | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 85 | 1 30 |
| Porter Swamp, | D. Coleman, A F. Powell, D. F. Williamson, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 101 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | Wm. Frink, T. Thompson, M. M. Walker, | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 1 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | N. Stephens, J. Long,* R. F. Marlow,* | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 75 | 1 50 |
| Western Prong, | H. Lennon, J. C. Powell, R. Wooten,* | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 1 60 |
| Brunswick. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | R. McRackan, L. Wescoat, Thomas Wescoat, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 53 | 1 50 |
| Beulah, | D. Stanaland,* J. Stanaland, W. G. Matthews,* | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 1 25 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. Lennon, C. Little, A. P. Daniel, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 1 50 |
| Mount Pisgah, | A. Clemmons,* J. Sellars, L. Simmons,* | 0 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 102 | 1 00 |
| Mount Carmel, | Not represented. | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | .... | ..... |
| Mill Creek, | Thos. Robbins, P. Tharpe, J. Murrell, | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 48 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | E. Bozeman, J. Beach, P. C. Milligan, | 8 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 146 | 2 00 |
| Shaloate, | Wm. M. Mints, D. K. Mints,* A. Bennett, | 6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 96 | 1 00 |
| Union, | C. V. Fulwood, R. Carney,* J. W. Woodsides, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 1 00 |
| Cumberland. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | Wm. Hollingsworth, J Cashwell, W. J. Tolar, | 45 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 215 | 3 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | D. T. Everett, D. L. Smith, A. Melvin, | 10 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 79 | 2 00 |
| Concord, | D. Horn,* J. Riley, R. D. Horn,* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 68 | 1 00 |
| Fayetteville, | P. Taylor, J. M. Beasley, R McDaniel, | 25 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 275 | 3 00 |
| Piney Grove, | J. T. Honrine, James Guy, Joshua Taylor, | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 1 50 |
| Rockfish, | H. McAlpin, G. Wilder,* S. Hamilton,* | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 1 00 |
| Marion Dis., S. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | S. Dusenberry, M. Watson, L. W. Hays, | 25 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 190 | 2 50 |
| Horry Dis., S. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem, | J. M. Smith,* E. Stanaland,* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 1 00 |
| Buck Creek, | Not represented. | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | .... | ..... |
| Macedonia, | Wm. Hardin, J. J. Ludland, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 50 |
| Mount Zion, | Wm. Edge,* Charles Vereen,* W. L. Dubois, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 32 | 1 00 |
| Sharon, | J. B. Edge, J. J. Reaves,* Chesnut Todd, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 46 | 1 00 |
| Simpson's Creek, | Not represented. | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | .... | ..... |
| Spring Branch, | Benj. Fowler, H. Enzor, E. Bullock, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 1 50 |
| Wilmington. | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street, | A. P. Repiton, S. Spooner, J. B. Barlow, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 2 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | N. Strickland, J. Harrelson. R. R. Hinson, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .... | 1 00 |
| | | 248 | 67 | 21 | 80 | 109 | 42 | 4086 | 72 20 |

Those marked thus (*) were absent.

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

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|---|---|
| Received this year from the Churches, | $72 20 |
| Sabbath Collection, | 26 44 |
| | $98 64 |

Respectfully submitted.

BENJ. FREEMAN, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON EXAMINATIONS.

Your Committee on examination of Candidates for Ordination, would submit the following: They have had the applicants before them, and as far as christian experience and reasons of a supposed call to the Ministry are concerned, would, at the request of their respective Churches, recommend Bros. J. Cobb, A. Nobles and J. T. Honrine for Ordination. Relative to Bro. D. Swindal, would state, that they are equally satisfied with his experience and supposed call, but would suggest that he exercise as a Licentiate at least one year longer.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. AYRES, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following Report: We deem it of the greatest importance, in order to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth and the interest of the Baptist denomination, that a more extensive circulation of religious periodicals should speedily be brought about.

It is obvious to every reflecting mind, that to be useful in society, the mind should be well imbued with that knowledge that pertaineth to the excellency of Christ. Religious Periodicals are the channel through which its prevalence is obtained, and through which a map of the moral world is presented to the Biblical student. It is through such instrumentalities that "the dead yet speaketh,"—that Ministers of Christ are brought to co-operate in the general spread of the Gospel—that Church members may learn the unity of Christ exhibited in themselves.

We shall present to your consideration the following:

*Resolved*, That we recommend the united support of a denominational paper for our State. One paper, well supported, would prove more efficient to our interest than several half sustained and discordant Periodicals. Respectfully submitted.

R. McRACKAN, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," is the command of Almighty God. And perhaps human instrumentality has never devised a more efficient method, for the proper observance of God's holy day, than the Sabbath School enterprize. For, whilst it brings the youth within the immediate sphere of moral and religious influence, it is the channel through which that instruction is distilled into the mind which prepares it properly to appreciate its privileges and regard its duties.

And, apart from its being a most delightful employment in which to be engaged on the Christian Sabbath, it affords the facility to those, whose circumstances in life would otherwise forbid, to obtain a small portion of useful knowledge at least, "without money and without price."

An institution, then, so purely benevolent in principle, so moralizing in its tendency, and so well adapted to the wants of man, should commend itself to the kind regards of every generous heart.

And in view of the wholly indifference of most of the Churches to an enterprize so full of merit, your Committee are constrained to believe that its importance has been, in most instances, noticed only in a short report to your body—that it has not been properly brought to the view and pressed upon the Churches and congregations at home. They therefore would respectfully recommend, that increased attention be given to this department of Ministerial duty—that each Minister make, and continue to make, vigorous efforts to establish a Sabbath School in each of the respective Churches to which he ministers.

Respectfully submitted.

R. McDANIEL, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Committee on the Baptist State Convention would respectfully report: That they have had that duty under consideration, and when they contemplate the great designs and glorious results of the labors of that body, they cannot too strongly recommend it to your consideration.

Its objects are well known, and have met with the hearty co-operation of a large majority of the Churches and piety of our State. The prayers of God's people have attended their labors of love, and hence the increased prosperity and success of that body. When we contemplate the rising greatness and increasing intelligence of our people, and the paucity of well qualified laborers for this great field, who will not approve and aid in producing and sending forth an educated Ministry? Who will not contribute to a more wide spread diffusion of the glorious gospel, both at home and in foreign lands? Your Committee would not only recommend the objects of the Convention to your prayerful consideration and liberal support, but they would also suggest the following:

*Resolved*, That this Association appoint delegates to the next Session of the Baptist State Convention, to be held in Wilmington, on Thursday preceding the 3d Sabbath in October, 1851.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. P. REPITON, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report the following:

We look upon this as one of the most important objects of your Body.

When we contemplate the good that has already been done by your Missionary, and what remains yet to be done; when we see with what joy he has been received, and how his labors have been appreciated—in attestation of which our ears have been greeted with the cry from all quarters, "send us again the Missionary,"—who that feels not a willingness to grant their request?

Although the Lord has been pleased to visit our Missionary with affliction the past year, yet the report is very encouraging, showing that the Lord was with him in his labors. When we look upon this important matter, we fail for words fully to express our feelings, but let us awake to the subject, and remember that "he that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly;" while "he that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully." And not forget that "he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

The unconverted sinner is represented as being "miserable, poor, blind, and naked." How then, is he to receive the blessings of the gospel? We answer, by Misssionary effort. Then let us arouse in our exertions to send the poor wanderer from Heaven and happiness, the "bread of eternal life."

Respectfully submitted.

H. McALPIN, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee report, that they consider temperance as having insuperable claims upon us. They consider the temperance reform as the child of christianity, and consequently as needing the fostering hand of all calling themselves after the name of Christ. The world looks to us for an example. We should recollect that the christian is the "highest style of man." And although Almighty God can, and will work his pleasure, yet he has entrusted his cause in the hands of human agents, and we should esteem it the highest possible privilege to be co-workers with him.

We would recommend that some suitable person be appointed to deliver a temperance address at our next Association, and at all succeeding Associations, and that the Churches endeavor to forward this the cause of God, and of all mankind. We advise the members, one and all, to take temperance papers, such as the Spirit of the Age. printed in Raleigh, at $1 50 per year; The Communicator, edited by Bro. Potter, Fayetteville, at $1 per year.

Respectfully submitted.

E. BOZEMAN, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the "Baptist Publication Society," beg leave to submit the following Report:

We cannot too strongly enforce on the minds of the Association, the importance of sustaining and encouraging this great enterprize, believing as we do, that it is our bounden duty as Baptists to give our influence and countenance to works of our own denomination, thereby enabling the Society more fully to carry out the objects for which it was created. And as your Committee believe there is an absolute necessity for more denominational works to be disseminated, as there certainly is great destitution;—besides, there is another matter connected with this subject which is inseparable from the best interest of the Churches, and that is Sunday School Libraries, which could be purchased at extremely low prices at the Society's Depository; and it is certainly very desirable that every Baptist Church should have a Sabbath School, and it is equally desirable that they should have books that favor their own religious views. We deem it unnecessary, if we were prepared to give a catalogue of the works published by the Society; but have no hesitation in saying that they are such as would be acceptable to the denomination, and any individual or Church wishing to order books, can do so by addressing George Parks & Co., Depository Agents, Charleston, S. C.

In closing this report, we submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the favorable consideration of the Churches, the great importance of sustaining their own works, and these works can be had at the Depository above named.

Resolved, farther, That all Publications, as far as possible, be purchased from the Southern Baptist Publication Society, at its Depository in Charleston, S. C.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJ. FREEMAN, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON BIBLE SOCIETY.

Your Committee feel at a loss to report the doings of the Bible Society at large, for the want of information from the parent Society; but Brethren, words would fail us to tell the great, the overwhelming importance of the objects of the Bible Society. The universal destitution of the Bible (the Bible the word of God,) what, we would ask, is man without it? little less than heathen, and yet lamentable to state, there are in our highly favored land, a land so abounding in the good things of this world, many families entirely destitute of the word of God. The Society connected with your Body has expended during the past year about Seventy Dollars in Bibles and Testaments, which have been in part sold and given away. It is still known that there is a considerable amount of destitution within the bounds of our Association, which ought to be supplied as speedily as possible. The idea of living in a christian land, where there are many families destitute of the word of God, is truly revolting, having too much the appearance of heathenism. Your Committee would recommend that your Society should use a part of its funds to employ the Missionary of the Board to carry with him a supply of Bibles, to seek out the destitute, and to furnish them with the word of life; and also that each Church belonging to this Association be furnished with Books to be sold or given away in its own vicinity; by which means, it is believed that the destitute may all be soon supplied.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SMITH, Ch'n.

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1850.

The Board came into session under the call of John Smith, President.

Appointed Jas. Guy and Jacob Thompson Committee of Finance.

The following individuals, Churches and representatives came forward and paid the sums annexed to their names to the Committee of Finance:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sam'l Dusenberry, | $5 00 | Cedar Creek Church, | $7 25 |
| John Smith, | 5 00 | Buck Creek " | 5 00 |
| Shaloate Church, | 5 00 | Cross Roads " | 3 00 |
| Bethel " | 5 00 | Bear Swamp " | 5 00 |
| Fayetteville " | 15 00 | Porter Swamp " | 5 00 |
| Beulah " | 10 00 | Hickory Grove " | 5 00 |
| Mount Pisgah " | 5 00 | Shiloh " | 10 00 |
| Union " | 5 00 | Macedonia " | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch " | 5 00 | Cherry Grove " | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Grove " | 5 00 | Antioch " | 10 00 |
| C. Little, | 3 00 | Mount Eliam " | 2 50 |
| E. Smith, | 2 00 | Mount Zion " | 5 00 |
| R. McDaniel, | 5 00 | G. W. Gore, | 1 00 |
| G. W. Lennon, | 5 00 | W. V. Gore, | 1 00 |
| Piney Grove Church, | 5 00 | William Hickman, | 1 00 |
| D. B. Ayres, | 5 00 | John Todd, | 1 00 |
| Chesnut Todd, | 5 00 | Western Prong Church, | 5 55 |
| James Ellis, | 50 | Saddle Tree " | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Plains Church, | 5 00 | Back Swamp " | 4 00 |
| Jordan Cobb, | 2 50 | Jacob Thompson, | 5 00 |
| Mill Creek Church, | 3 00 | White Lake Church, | 5 00 |
| Macedonia " | 3 00 | Moses Warrick, | 5 00 |
| John Harrelson, | 1 25 | Joseph Thompson, | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Hill Church, | 5 00 | Mrs. Ann J. Melvin, | 2 00 |
| Brier Branch " | 10 00 | J. W. Woodsides, | 10 00 |
| New Britain " | 5 00 | | |
| Beaverdam, Bladen county, | 5 00 | | $249 55 |

Proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year. H. Lennon was chosen President; R. McDaniel Sec. and Treasurer.

Rev. F. Prevatt, Itinerant, reported. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to Minutes.

Agreed, that Bro. Prevatt be allowed $175 for his services the past year.

Ordered, that the Committee of Finance report, and pay over the amount received into the hands of the Treasurer.

Ordered, that the Treasurer settle with Itinerants, for past services rendered this Board.

On motion, opened a new subscription.

Appointed J. M. Beasley, M. Meares, B. Freeman, J. Smith, and E. Carlisle, a Committee to secure the services of an Itinerant for the ensuing year.

On motion, adjourned to Monday.

MONDAY.

Board met. Called for report of Committee to procure the services of Itinerant.

Committee reported they were unable to obtain, certain, the services of an Itinerant, but think the services of Bro. J. Allen probably may be secured.

Appointed R. Wooten, Absalom Powell, H. Lennon, B. Freeman, and M. Meares, an Executive Committee, to whom shall be referred the superintendence of Missionary operations during the ensuing year, in the bounds of the Cape Fear Baptist Association.

Agreed, that the Itinerant, when obtained, shall have $1 per day for his services.

Agreed, that Bro. Ayers be allowed the interest on what this Board is yet due him.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of holding next Association.

H. LENNON, *President*.

R. McDANIEL, *Clerk*.

## REPORT OF REV. F. PREVATT—MISSIONARY.

Dear Brethren: After you gave me the appointment as your Missionary, as soon as I could make arrangements to leave, I endeavored to engage in the duties assigned me. I commenced my labors on the 14th Dec., and found the state of the Churches much as I expected from the report of last year, and I can truly say, that my time devoted to the services of the Board, was unspeakably pleasant, which could not have been otherwise, from the kindness manifested by the people to me, where I travelled. I travelled 144 days; preached 140 sermons; baptised 22 persons. I was compelled to retire from my field of labor in July, owing to a severe attack of bilious fever.

May the Lord bless the feeble efforts of his unworthy servant to the good of the people wherever he went, for Christ's sake.

F. PREVATT.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

*R. McDaniel, Treas'r, in ac't with Cape Fear Baptist Association, Oct.* 1850.

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| To Cash rec'd from Committee of Finance of C. F. Association, | $98 64 | |
| To Cash remaining on hand last year, | 90 | |
| " " rec'd from Com. of Finance of Domestic Mission Board, | 249 55 | |
| | | $349 09 |

CONTRA.

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| By Cash paid Bro. Prevatt, | $175 00 | |
| " " " Bro. Ayres, | 21 00 | |
| " " " for Printing Minutes, | 37 00 | |
| " " " Clerk, | 15 00 | |
| By Cash on hand, | 101 09 | |
| | | $349 09 |

## BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society was called into Session by John Smith. Appointed A. F. Powell and H. McAlpin Committee of Finance.

The following persons, or their proxies, came forward and paid the sums annexed to their names:

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| R. McDaniel, | $2 00 |
| J. M. Beasley, | 1 00 |
| J. Smith, | 1 00 |
| H. McAlpin, | 1 00 |
| Wm. Mints, | 1 00 |
| C. Little, | 50 |
| A. F. Powell, | 1 00 |
| R. W., | 1 00 |
| S. Dusenberry, | 1 00 |
| J. H. Cobb, | 50 |
| H. Lennon, | 55 |
| F. Prevatt, | 1 00 |
| Benj. Freeman, | 1 00 |
| | $12 55 |

Elected Rev. H. Lennon President, R. McDaniel Clerk and Treas'r.

Ordered, that the funds in hands of Financial Committee be paid over to the Treasurer of Bible Society.

Agreed, that all funds advanced by the former General Agent of this Society, be refunded to him.

Appointed Benj. Freeman, General Agent of this Society, for the ensuing year.

Ordered, that the Treasurer now pay over the funds in hand, to the General Agent.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of holding next Session of C. F. Baptist Association.

H. LENNON, *President.*

R. McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

### *A DIGEST of the state of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Antioch—This Church is in peace and union. Elder Haynes Lennon is Pastor.

Ashpole—This Church is in peace and harmony. Has had some accession. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Back Swamp—Communicates nothing of importance. Enjoys the Pastoral services of Elder Z. Bullock.

Bear Swamp—Elder W. Ayres is Pastor. Keeps up a regular prayer meeting; has been much revived and enlarged during the year.

Beulah—Elder W. Ayres Pastor. Is in love and union; has had several additions to their number.

Beaverdam, Bladen County—Is at peace among themselves—and though much tried, yet is not in despair.

Beaverdam, Columbus County—Has no Pastor and but little preaching; has reason to rejoice that she is in love and union.

Bethel—Communicates nothing cheering. Increase not equal to decrease.

Bethlehem—Has no Pastor. Brotherly love abounds.

Big Branch—Is not altogether in peace; has monthly prayer meetings. Elder Prevatt is Pastor.

Brier Branch—No important change; desires the prayers of the Association.

Cape Fear—Has been blessed with a glorious revival of religion.

Cedar Creek—Coldness and barrenness prevail. Eld. Jesse Rogers Pastor.

Cheerful Hope—Has more reason to rejoice than to complain; desires the continuance of the Itineracy.

Cherry Grove—Is in peace and union. Eld. G. W. Hill Pastor.

Concord—Coldness and barrenness prevail.

Cross Roads—Had no special changes; peace and union prevail. Elder E. Davis Pastor.

Fayetteville—Has much reason to thank God and take courage; has had frequent accessions; has a flourishing Sabbath School; is under the Pastoral care of Elder N. A. Purify.

Hickory Grove—Peace and love abound; have a monthly prayer meeting. Elder J. Stone supply.

Iron Hill X Roads—Communicates nothing cheering; brotherly love prevails.

Macedonia—The statistics of this Church indicate a low state of religion.

Macedonia, S. C.—Had no Pastor; enjoyed the labors of the Itinerant.

Mill Creek—Has had a revival, and enjoyed the labors of the Itinerant.

Mt. Eliam—Is in peace, and has the services of Elder J. Stone.

Mt. Pisgah—Has experienced wintry and stormy weather, but hopes the Spring is about to open.

Mt. Sinai—A new Church, in good order and under the care of Eld. G. W. Hill.

Mt. Tabor—Peace, union, and brotherly love abound. Eld. G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Mt Zion—Is in the unity of the Spirit and the bonds of peace; and has the services of Elder Z. Bullock.

Mt. Zion, S. C.—Is in peace and harmony, and enjoys the labors of Elder Thos. G. Rogers.

New Britain—But little increase in numbers, but are happy to say that the members are generally at peace with each other.

Orange Street—This is a newly constituted Church; is in a prosperous condition, and is under the Pastoral care of Eld. A. P. Repiton.

Piney Grove—Has had an interesting state of things recently; several accessions. Elder D. B. Ayres is their Pastor.

Pleasant Grove—Is in peace and union; has no Pastor. Elder N. Martin supply.

Pleasant Hill—This Church enjoys the labors of Elder Z. Bullock, whose labors among them have been abundantly blessed.

Pleasant Plains—The statistics of this Church indicate a decrease of the membership. At present union prevails. G. W. Hill Pastor.

Porter Swamp—By its letter indicates lukewarmness. Eld. H. Lennon Pastor.

Providence—Peace, union and fellowship reign; have large and attentive congregations. Elder J. Munroe Pastor.

Rock-Fish—Enjoys the smiles of a kind Providence, and is under the Pastoral care of Elder Jas. Cashwell.

Saddle-Tree—Is in union and peace. Elder E. Davis Pastor.

Seven Creeks—Communicates nothing cheering; enjoys the labors of Elder G. W. Hill and others.

Shaloate—Enjoys peace and harmony. Eld. W. M. Mints, Pastor.

Sharon—Has had a very cold time, but hopes for a better state of things. Eld. T. G. Rogers is their Pastor.

Shiloh—Dwells together harmoniously. Eld. H. McAlpin is their Pastor, whose labors have been much blessed.

Spring Branch—Is not altogether in peace. Eld. Z. Bullock, Pastor.

Union—Is in peace and union; desires a continuance of the Itineracy.

White Lake—Had but little preaching; have a semi-monthly Prayer Meeting and a Sabbath School.

Western Prong—Few changes of any note have taken place; have monthly preaching. Elder H. Lennon, Pastor.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

## CEDAR CREEK, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C.,

Nov. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1851.

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# MINUTES.

SATURDAY, Nov. 1st, 1851.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder William Ayres, from 6th chapter Romans, and 22nd verse.

After an intermission of some fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the Divine direction invoked by Bro. Prevatt.

A majority of the Churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed J. M. Beasley, D. T. Everit, and John E. Lennon, a committee of Finance.

Chose Bro. R. M. McRackan, Assistant Clerk.

After the reading of Letters, and recording the names of Delegates, the Officers were elected, viz: Haynes Lennon, Moderator; Robt. M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer, and R. McDaniel, Assistant Clerk.

An invitation was extended to visiting Brethren: whereupon, Bro. James, from the Beulah Association, presented himself, and was invited to a seat with us.

A committee was appointed to supply the Stage, during the session of the Association, consisting of Brethren: B. Freeman, J. Smith, M. Meares, D. P. West, and B. McKee.

A committee of Arrangements, consisting of Brethren: A. Paul Repiton, W. Ayres, and R. M. McRackan, was appointed.

Bro. W. Jones, from the Raleigh Association, was introduced, and invited by the Moderator to a seat.

Adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder E. Davis.

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SABBATH.

A large and respectable congregation assembled, notwithstanding the indications of rain. The services were commenced by Bro. James, of the Beulah Association, who preached from the 16th chap. Matthew, 26th verse: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Elder A. Paul Repiton followed immediately after with a missionary discourse, from the 72nd Psalm, 16th verse: "There shall be a handful corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains: the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth." At the conclusion of this discourse, a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes.

After a short intermission, the congregation was addressed by Bro. Jones, of the Raleigh Association, from the 3rd chapter of 2nd Peter, 10th and 11th verses: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night: in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat: the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burned up." "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness." The services for the day were then concluded.

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MONDAY MORNING, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Association met. Reading the Scriptures and singing by the Moderator; prayer by Bro. James. Names of delegates called over. An opportunity was offered for visiting Brethren to present themselves.

The committee of arrangements reported.

The committee on the declaration of principles, reported that they had not performed that duty; whereupon, the committee was continued, to report at the next session, to meet where they may think proper.

Bro. McAlpin, as a messenger to the Union Association, reported.

Bro. Cobb, as a messenger to the Pee Dee Association, reported. Brethren: Cobb, Bullard, Prevatt and H. Lennon, were appointed messengers to that body: and that H. Lennon should write the letter to be read before the Association.

Bro. Thompson, as a messenger to the Welsh Neck Association, reported. Brethren: Wm. Ayres, Martin and D. B. Ayers, were appointed messengers to that body. Bro. Freeman was requested to prepare the Associational letter.

At 2 o'clock Bro. James addressed the Association, on the subject of Female Education; whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

" *Whereas*, it has been deemed expedient, after general consultation, to establish a Baptist Female College, which has been located at Oxford, Granville county: and whereas such an institution has long been needed for the education of the daughters of Baptists, and of their friends: *Therefore*, *Resolved*, That this Association fully concur in the propriety and importance of establishing said Female College, and do earnestly recommend it to the patronage and support of the Brethren and Friends throughout our bounds."

The following preamble and resolution, submitted by Bro. Purify, was adopted:

" It is with pleasure that we have received information, that efforts are now being made to endow Wake Forest College, and thereby enabling the Trustees to give tuition to Ministers, free of charge, which will greatly encourage ministerial improvement: *Therefore*, *Resolved*, That this Association heartily approve the object, and recommend the Churches and Members composing this body, to aid with their funds the endowment of the College."

Committees to visit Churches unrepresented, reported. To Mt. Moriah, that an opportunity was not afforded them; to Mt. Carmel, that they had dissolved, and the members attached themselves to other Churches; to Bethlehem, that they had departed from the faith of regular Baptists, with the exception of three, who have joined another Church, by the recommendation of the committee; to Buck Creek, and Simpson's Creek, that sickness prevented; to Macedonia, that she had made suitable concessions for her delinquency—which reports were received.

A letter of admission was granted to the Fayetteville Church.

The committee on Ministerial Education reported; report was received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes; after which, Brethren: James and Jones, addressed the Association.

Bro. McAlpin, appointed at the last Association to deliver a discourse on Temperance, did so, from 20th chapter Proverbs, 1st verse: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

The committee on Bible Societies reported; which was adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The committee on the Baptist State Convention reported; which report was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The committee on Temperance reported; report received, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

A committee to examine candidates for Ordination, was appointed, consisting of Brethren: Repiton, Ayers, Prevatt, McAlpin and Bennet.

The Association adjourned to allow the Domestic Mission Board a session.

The Association met after the adjournment of the Board, and adjourned until 9 1-2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Prayer by Bro. Repiton.

TUESDAY, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Association met. Singing and reading a portion of Scripture by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Stone.

Minutes read. Committee of Arrangements reported. A Committee was appointed to visit Beaver Dam Church, consisting of Brethren: Wm. Ayers, Prevatt, Stone, H. Lennon and G. W. Hill.

The Committee on Finance reported $142 25 received from Churches and Collection on Sabbath, and ordered, after the payment of expenditures, that it be applied to the Domestic Mission Board.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported; report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Ordered that 1,500 copies of the Minutes be printed.

Ordered that the Clerk receive twenty dollars for his services.

Committee to Honey Camp Church reported; report received.

Committee on the examination of Candidates for the Ministry reported; report received.

Committee on Sabbath Schools and Publication Societies reported; report received.

Committees were raised to report on subjects at the next session of the Association, as follows:

*On Ministerial Education.*—R. M. McRackan and L. Westcoat.

*Foreign Missions.*—A. Paul Repiton and T. M. Chatterton.

*Domestic Missions.*—H. McAlpin and D. T. Everit.

*Bible Societies.*—Benj. Freeman and J. A. Rozier.

*Sabbath Schools and Publication Societies.*—H. Lennon and F. Prevatt.

*Baptist State Convention.*—J. Smith and J. T. Honrine.

*Temperance.*—Alva Smith and J. G. Powell.

*Religious Periodicals.*—A. Paul Repiton and G. W. Lennon.

The next session of the Association to be held at the Buck Swamp Church, Robeson county, N. C., on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in Nov. 1852.

Appointed Bro. Davis to preach the Introductory Sermon; Bro. Cobb, Alternate.

Appointed Bro. Repiton to preach a Sermon on the Final Perseverance of the Saints, on Monday, 12 o'clock.

The Association to meet at 10 1-2 o'clock on Saturday.

*Resolved*, That we recommend to a general circulation, within our bounds, the Biblical Recorder, published in Raleigh, as the Organ of our Denomination. Also the Baptist Preacher, published in Richmond, Virginia, by Elder H. Keeling, it being an uncompromising advocate of Baptist principles.

Appointed Bro's Ayres and McRackan to prepare a Digest of the State of Religion, as indicated in the Church Letters.

The thanks of the Association were respectfully tendered the friends and brethren for their hospitality.

The Association then called for a short session of the Domestic Mission Board.

Association met and adjourned to time and place.

Brethren: W. Ayers, J. Stone, F. Prevatt, Jacob Thompson, Elias Davis, B. Freeman, J. H. Cobb, N. Martin, John Smith, J. Monroe, D. B. Ayers, Absolam Powell, Joel Reaves, sen., H. Lennon, R. Wooten, D. Stanaland, G. W. Lennon, Ezekiel Smith, Joel Bennet, E. Bazaman, J. W. Woodside, J. T. Horine, H. McAlpin, S. Dusenberry, Alva Smith, and A. P. Repiton, to the next Baptist State Convention, to meet at Smithfield, Johnston County, N. C., Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1852.

# APPENDIX.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Re. by Let. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Associat'n Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON. | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | W. Ayers, A. R. Pitman, Isham Pittman, | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 228 | 3 00 |
| Antioch, | G. Warwick, M. Mears, | 12 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 140 | 2 00 |
| Big Branch, | M. Warwick,* W. B. Bullard, G. Williams, | 8 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 129 | 2 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | J Stone, E. Stone, Samuel Stone,* | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 43 | 1 00 |
| Back Swamp, | F. Prevatt, J. Thomson, J. B. Thompson, | 10 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 91 | 2 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | E. Davis, E. Carlisle,* B. Freeman, | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 1 50 |
| Providence, | D. McGougan, A. McMillan, J. H. Cobb, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 46 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | J. R. Harman,* N. Martin. | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 69 | 1 50 |
| COLUMBUS. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | E. Hinson,* J. Mercer,* G. W. Sellers, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 111 | 1 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | C. Ivy, J. E. Lennon, W. Lennon, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 111 | 2 25 |
| Macedonia, | N. L. Williamson, D. Shaw, W. Waters, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 72 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | J. Todd, S. Wright,* M. Wright, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 107 | 1 50 |
| Mount Moriah, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Tabor, | E. Phips, J. Soles,* E. Fowler, | 9 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 1 00 |
| Mount Zion, | C. P. Woodel, C. Jones, Levi Dew, | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 112 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | N. Stevens, R. Ward, M. G. Sasser,* | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | D. F. Williamson, A. Powell,* J. G. Powell | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Hill, | J. Frink, T. Thompson,* H. Thompson, | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 1 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | J. H. Long, J. Reaves,* J. H. Hughes, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 72 | 1 50 |
| Western Prong, | H. Lennon, R. Wooten,* A. High, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 1 50 |
| BLADEN. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | R. Fisher, E. Hall, N. Jones, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 145 | 1 50 |
| Brier Branch, | T. Tatum, J. Downing, D. R. Cain, | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 139 | 2 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessums, E. Johnson, D. Singletary* | 11 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 80 | 1 50 |
| Shiloh, | J. Monroe, E. Ellis, Jesse Sykes, | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 120 | 2 25 |
| White Lake, | D. B. Ayres,* J. Carrol, D. H. Mashburn, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 1 50 |
| BRUNSWICK. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | L. Wescoat,* S. Wescoat, R. M. McRackan, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 51 | 1 00 |
| Beulah, | J. Stanaland, D. Stanaland,* J. S. Thomas, | 8 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 46 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. Lennon, E. Smith, A. P. Daniels, | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 1 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Carmel, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | |
| New Britain, | J. Bennet, E. Bozeman,* P. Milligan, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 141 | 1 75 |
| Shallotte, | S. Frink, J. Bennet,* G. W. Grisset, | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 95 | 1 00 |
| Union, | C. V. Fullwood,* R. Woodside,* J. W. Woodside, - - - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 1 00 |
| CUMBERLAND. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | W. Hollingsworth, J. Cashwell. N. H. Jones, - - - - | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 206 | 3 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | D. T. Everit, V. Downing, J. R. Toller, | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 80 | 2 00 |
| Concord, | J. Horn, H. Jones, D. Horn, | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 65 | 1 00 |
| Fayetteville, | J. M. Beasly, R. McDaniel, P. Taylor, | 5 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 278 | 3 00 |
| Piney Grove, | J. T. Honrine, J. Guy, D. A. Buie, | 13 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 1 50 |
| Rockfish, | T. H. Massy, H. McAlpin, J. Musclewhite, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 50 |
| MARION, S. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | S. Dusenberry, N. Bullock, D. N. Page, | 21 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 202 | 2 00 |
| HORRY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | J. Harrelson,* E. C. Powell, A. Jernigan, | 3 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 53 | 1 00 |
| Macedonia, | W. Hardy,* J. J. Ludlum,* J. Holmes, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 4 00 |
| Buck Creek, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | |
| United Churches, | C. Varim,* C. Todd, | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 70 | 1 75 |
| Simpson's Creek, | N. J. Cox,* J. S. Cox,* J. P. Hardy,* | 0 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 1 00 |
| Spring Branch, | A. Smith, J. Griffin, H. Enzor, | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 136 | 2 00 |
| WILMINGTON. | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street, | A. P. Repiton. J. Creele, T. B. Barlow, | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 102 | 2 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | B. Harrelson,* J. Harrelson, E. H. Todd,* | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 5 00 |
| | | 189 | 79 | 27 | 96 | 93 | 51 | 4000 | 66 50 |

Those marked thus (*) were absent.

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

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| Received this year from the Churches, | $69 00 | |
| Sabbath collection, | 73 25 | |
| | | $142 25 |

J. M. BEASLY, *Ch'n.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This is a subject, that is fraught with so much interest, and is of such infinite importance, that your Committee sensibly feel their inability to do it justice. We readily admit, however, that education and intellectual improvement are not the only requisites to an efficient ministry; we take it for granted that genuine piety is of the first importance, without which, all other qualifications are useless; and we also admit that God, who shows his independence of human aid, by choosing "the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and the weak things to confound the things that are mighty," is perfectly able to promote his religion, and establish his kingdom, without the assistance of what we call a talented and educated ministry. But the question is, is it not, nevertheless, our duty to improve the condition of our ministry in these respects? God has chosen to commit to human instrumentality the work of extending the blessings of salvation, and the building up of his church on earth. If this be so, is it not clearly our duty to make this instrumentality as efficient as possible; to employ all the means in our power to give it the greatest possibie strength end effectiveness? The work is a spiritual one, and as such, requires pious, spiritually-minded men to perform it. It is also an intellectual work, and as such, requires intellectual men. No system of education will make spiritually minded men; but in order to have an intelligent, able and influential ministry, it must be educated. It is wholly impossible for any one to know the extent and range of his own mental powers, except by means of literary cultivation. What we are, must remain in a good degree a secret to ourselves, until the tests of learning are applied to its development; let these fail to be applied, and the mental element, how rich soever, will lie dormant. The world is advancing in knowledge; society is becoming more intelligent, and if it is necessary for the ministry to gain the respect of men before they can successfully operate upon them, then it is very necessary, yea, essential, that they should not be, or even thought to be, inferior in intelligence.

Your Committee would most earnestly call the attention of the several churches to a serious consideration of this very important subject.

N. A. PURIFY, *Ch'n.*

## REPORT ON BIBLE SOCIETIES.

Associations formed for the purpose of the general circulation of the word of God, have for a long time been exercising their heavenly influence upon the world, and are considered to constitute the peculiar ornament of the present century. A short history of some of these is here given, by way of which to stir up your pure minds to more activity and dilligence in the cause. As early as the year 1780, a Bible Society was formed in England, for the purpose of circulating the Scriptures among soldiers and seamen, which distributed 20,000 volumes in twenty years. In 1792, a French Bible Society was formed in England, for the purpose of circulating the Scriptures in France, then almost entirely under the influence of Atheism: the beneficial influences of which were interrupted by the revolution in that country. In 1803, the plan of the British and Foreign Bible Society was originated by the Rev. Joseph Hughes, a Baptist minister, and in

March, 1804, said society was formed, and continues its usefulness to the present day. The same year a German Bible Society was formed: and in 1814, the Prussian Bible Society, an organization that issued in twenty years 718,000 copies of the Scriptures; besides many other useful operations in Europe. Similar societies have been formed in the United States, as early as 1809. The American Bible Society, consisting of all Evangelical Denominations, was formed in New York, in 1816, and continued to receive contributions from, and to distribute its funds among all the said denominations of which it was formed, until the years 1835 and '36, when the discussion arose as to the translation of the Greek word Baptizo; at this time, owing to the decision of the American Bible Society on that subject, the American and Foreign Bible Society was formed, consisting entirely of the Baptist Denomination, and was approved and adopted by the Triennial Convention of the United States. Since which time, the Baptists of the southern States, from causes not necessary to be mentioned here, having formed a separate organization, have now no connection with the American and Foreign Bible Society, having formed a Bible Society of their own, located at Nashville, Tennessee: to which board your committee respectfully direct your attention.

In hastily sketching this imperfect history of some of the Bible Societies of the world, the conclusion is inevitable, that God will cause "the wrath of man to praise his name." Notwithstanding in these various organizations, having for their object the general circulation of the Holy Scriptures, there have arisen contests and divisions owing to the diversity of opinions among men: yet all appear prosperous and active, each endeavoring in its own way to adorn the honor and glory of God, in the conversion of the world.

The North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, connected with the Baptist State Convention, is in active operation, and holds its sessions annually at the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, and is under the control of a competent board of managers, located at Oxford, N. C. through which the society connected with your body will act as an auxiliary.

Brethren, would that we had words sufficient to inspire your minds with the importance of this great work. The Bible, the sword of the Spirit, is the great means of the conversion of the world; without it, your ministers and missionaries would be useless; without it, the heathen world never can be brought "to the knowledge of the truth." Brethren, let your hearts be opened to this great and good work; give freely of the goods with which God has blessed you, to circulate his Word, the means of Grace, amongst the destitute: for his promise is, to bless the cheerful giver.

JOHN SMITH, *Ch'n.*

## FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

BRETHREN:—We beg leave to submit the following Report. We have endeavored to get all the information on the subject of Foreign Missions, possible, which we now give you briefly:

### CHINA.

The Missionary Station, formerly at Canton, under Bro. Roberts and Lady, and sister H. Baker, so far as we can learn, is discontinued, Bro. Roberts and Lady having ceased to be our Missionaries, and sister H. Baker having moved to Shanghai. The Shanghai Mission seems to be in a prosperous condition; Brethren: J. L. Shuck, Geo. Pearcy, M. T. Yates, with their wives, being there, and Brethren: A. B. Cabaniss, B. W. Whilden, T. P. Crawford and Dr. G. W. Burton, are also expected to join this Mission, as soon as possible. From the information obtained, they have four places of public worship; one in Shanghai, another about 12 miles southeast of it, and two others, the locality not stated; at all of which places they have good attendance upon the ministry, besides giving attention to Sabbath and day schools. The Missionaries considering their duty as but partially performed, go from house to house, and there discourse to those benighted people about Jesus and the Resurrection. Christians have long been praying that China might be opened; that prayer has been answered, and the Missionaries of the Cross are there spreading the everlasting Gospel. These want aid from us, and we ask, can we refuse it and let them perish for the want of that Gospel, and remain guiltless of their blood?

## AFRICAN MISSION.

In this Mission we have eight male and two female Missionaries, with four assistant teachers. This Mission is divided into ten stations, viz: Cape Palmas, Sinou, Edina, Befly, Junk, Monrovia, New Georgia, New Virginia, Millsburg, and Louisiana. We are unable to say any thing positive respecting this field of labor, but our constant prayer is, that God may bless the efforts of his servants in that distant land, and that we may give liberally of our substance, as God has blessed us, for their support. These are all the stations coming under the supervision of the southern Baptists, and we would simply add, that the American Baptist Missionary Union are carrying on their operations at their various stations, and many of them with marked success. That the Missionary spirit may be manifested more by our liberal support than it has heretofore been, and praying the blessing of Heaven upon it, we submit this Report.

H. McALPIN, *Ch'n.*

## REPORT ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following Report: That the institution is in a highly prosperous condition, and that an acquaintance with its operations will endear it to us. We recommend to the Association its continuance as an auxiliary, and the appointment of a goodly number of Delegates to its next session. H. LENNON, *Ch'n.*

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following Report: Temperance is a grace and virtue indisputable in making up the christian character. Hence all organizations, tending to promote the growth of this important grace in the human heart, are entitled to the warm sympathy, the kind regards, and hearty co-operation of all claiming the sacred relationship of Disciples of Christ. Man, by the fall, lost the moral purity with which he came forth from the hands of the Creator; his affections being displaced, he has been prone to seek enjoyment in habits of vice. And perhaps of all the various forms vice has ever assumed, none has extended a more withering influence upon the happiness of mankind, than the use of intoxicating drink. With an eye to this, inspiration points the mariner upon the sea of life to the fatal rock, proclaiming in his ears, with a voice louder than seven thunders, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The sad experience of thousands of hapless beings have borne testimony to the truth of the Heavenly declaration, having been mocked and deceived by it. But whilst countless numbers have been borne on this adverse tide to temporal disgrace and eternal ruin, the voice of humanity need no longer utter the faint whisper of anxious inquiry, is there no remedy? We rejoice to say that a remedy has been devised; that in view of the attendant miseries consequent upon the use of intoxicating drink, the Temperance Reform has been instituted, and which has indeed been the benign star of hope, that has lightened up the dreary pathway of many miserable drunkards. In its offices of friendship, like the good Samaritan journeying from Jerusalem to Jericho, finding the unfortunate man having fallen among thieves, embraced him with the warm feelings of a generous heart. It finding multitudes of miserable, degraded beings, has by extending to them the liberal hand of friendship, administered the balm of peace and joy, to the consecrated heart of disquietude and misery. The cause of Temperance is rapidly progressing. In the fall of 1840, the Washingtonian enterprise began, by the formation of six old topers into a total abstinence Society. From this small beginning, a mighty wave was put in motion, which for a time promised to overflow the land and obliterate from the earth the stains of black intemperance. In the fall of 1842, this ball which had been rolling with such velocity, suddenly came to a dead halt, when some of the gallant band viewing the deplorable state of things—hundreds going back to their cups, and others growing cold and lukewarm, began to cast about and to inquire what should be done to infuse new life and power into the Temperance cause. The result of their deliberations was the institution of the Order of the Sons of Temperance. On the 26th of Sept., 1842, the first Division of the Sons was instituted. On the 2nd of May, 1843, Concord Division, No. 1, was established in Raleigh, being the 7th Division in the world. The history of this organization has been one of triumph and progress from that time to the present. There are now about 7,000 Divisions in North America, with near 300,000 members. In North Carolina there are near 300 Divisions, with 12,000 members. There are but two or three Counties in the State in which the Order has not been instituted, embracing in its fold every grade and character of intellect and religion. It has been indeed like a gospel preacher proclaiming sight to the blind, strength to the lame, liberty to the captive, and a year of Jubilee. Thousands upon thousands, through this agency, and under the blessing of God, have been restored to themselves, families, society, their country and church, and are now redeemed, regenerated, and disenthralled from the tyranny of the all pervading destroyer. Every neighborhood, village, town, city, and church, have living monuments to its power to succor and to save. Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians, Christians of every Denomination, Civilians of every shade of opinion, are all united in one bond of fellowship, to expel this scourge from the earth. It has effected much, and if its legitimate and original purposes be persevered in, (as we believe they will be,) it is destined to drive intemperance from the land, and place the inebriate in a fit position to hear, understand, and appreciate the unsearchable riches of the salvation of God. Thousands of its redeemed sons have become hopeful converts to Christ, since their reformation, and the precious revivals of God's work, with which so many portions of our State have been recently visited, attest that, the Order of the Sons of Temperance has been the forerunner—the John the Baptist—to prepare the way for the purer and better light, which regenerates unto eternal life! And so may they go hand in hand together! Let the Sons and the Church be co-workers; the former removing the great stumbling block and hindrance to the ushering in of that brighter day, when through the Church of the living God, Holiness to the Lord, shall be written on every land, and his kingdom spread from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

In closing this Report, your Committee would respectfully recommend to the liberal support of this Association, that well edited, and neat little temperance journal, "The Spirit of the Age," the Organ of the Sons of Temperance of this State, Edited by A. M. Gorman, Raleigh, N. C., at $1,50 per annum. Respectfully submitted.

R. McDANIEL, Ch'n

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions have endeavored to make a suitable Report on that subject; they confess that it is but an endeavor; they feel incapable of expressing properly its importance: for to the Missionary operations we are indebted for every blessing that we are possessed of; inasmuch as the Gospel is the basis of every thing good and great. To the heralds of the Cross we must attribute the liberty we now enjoy.—Jesus Christ committed his cause to Missionaries, and it has been transmitted from generation to generation, gathering strength, and diffusing light more and more, until we at this day cannot realize what the world was, or would be, without the Gospel. To form an idea of its benefits, we must look into benighted lands and contrast our condition with theirs, and with all the light afforded by history, our conceptions of the deplorable state of lands without it, must of necessity be very imperfect.

Your Committee would urge upon you, as you value these high and inestimable privileges, to awake to new diligence, and employ all the means possible, that every benighted spot, in this highly favored land, may be enlightened: for on the propagation of the Gospel, depends all that we hold dear to us and to our posterity.

R. M. McRACKAN, *Ch'n.*

## REPORT ON EXAMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Examinations submit the following: They have had Bro. A. Hall before them, and as far as christian experience, and a supposed call to the ministry are concerned, would, at the request of his Church, recommend him to Ordination.

Respectfully submitted.

H. McALPIN, *Ch'n.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS AND PUBLICATION SOCIETIES.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Report: The subjects which have been entrusted to us, are of such weighty importance to religion, that we scarcely know where to classify them. Those who have had an acquaintance with Sabbath School operations, know that they are the greatest auxiliaries to the ministry and the church we have among us. It is there the first seeds of divine truth are sown and nurtured; and from that nursery do we derive our ministers, missionaries, and most zealous members, both male and female, that adorn our churches. It cannot be otherwise, when we remember that our most devoted and zealous, as well as intellectual membership, with a love for the great cause of their divine master, actively engage in studying and communicating the result of their prayerful investigations to the youth entrusted to their charge. This great work being concurred in by pious parents, not only render it delightful but profitable to the Church and the cause of vital godliness. We would, therefore, respectfully solicit our Churches, and all individuals, to take a more lively interest in this great and good work.

The Southern Baptist Publication Society, under the patronage of the Southern Baptist Convention, is well worthy the patronage of our Denomination south. A society in every respect adapted to our interests and wants, socially and religiously, should, by all means, be supported by us. Many of its denominational works have been sent forth from the pen of our own ministry. We therefore recommend our Churches, Sabbath

Schools, and brethren, to patronize the above concern by sending their orders to Geo. Parks & Co, Charleston, S. C.

Respectfully submitted.
A. PAUL REPITON, *Ch'n.*

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

MONDAY, Nov. 3rd, 1851.

The Board came into session. Proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. H. Lennon was chosen President; R. M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer.

Reports of Itinerants called for.

D. B. Ayers, Itinerant, reported. Report was received and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

Joel Bennet, reported. Which report was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

William Ayers, reported. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The Board approved of the course pursued by the Executive Committee.

Committee of Finance reported $328 09, received from the former Treasurer and the Churches.

The Board appointed a Committee, consisting of H. Lennon, M. Mears, B. Freeman and G. Williams, to engage Missionaries.

The Board directed the Treasurer to pay the Itinerants.

The Board appointed an Executive Committee, consisting of H. Lennon, R. Wooten, A. Powell, B. Freeman, and M. Mears, with power to appoint a Missionary, or Missionaries, according to their judgment.

The Board adjourned to time and place of the meeting of the next Association.

H. LENNON, *Pres't.*

R. McRACKAN, *Cl'k.*

The following Churches and individuals came forward and paid the sums annexed to their names:

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| Orange Street Church, | $5 00 | Beulah, | $10 00 |
| Shallotte, | 5 00 | D. B. Ayres, | 5 00 |
| Union, | 5 00 | Spring Branch, | 5 00 |
| E. Smith, | 2 00 | Bear Swamp, | 10 00 |
| A. P. Daniel, | 3 00 | G. W. Lennon, | 5 00 |
| D. T. Everit, | 5 00 | Bethel, | 5 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | 5 00 | Big Branch, | 5 00 |
| Jacob Thompson, | 5 00 | | |
| Piney Grove, | 5 00 | | $85 00 |

## REPORT OF D. B. AYERS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—After my appointment as a Missionary, by the Board, I commenced that service in April, and found the Churches variously conditioned; some prospering, while others were in a cold and languid state; but was ever received with christian courtesy, and in many places had very pleasant meetings. In my circuit I sold some valuable books, besides supplying many Churches with Sabbath School Books, and assisted in the formation of such schools, to the great satisfaction of brethren and friends. It was my happy lot to be at several protracted meetings, and can say in all truth, that the time spent in the service of the Board, was most delightful to myself, and hope that the seed sown in much weakness, may yet produce some fruit. I have travelled in the bounds assigned me by the

Committee, 122 days, and preached 113 sermons, and beyond that line, have travelled 40 days and delivered 25 sermons: baptising but two, leaving that duty for the Pastors of the Churches, where there was one. Sickness has prevented my attendance at meetings this month. May the Lord bless the humble efforts of his feeblest instrument, is my prayer, for Christ's sake. D. B. AYERS.

## REPORT OF JOEL BENNET.

Dear Brethren:—In compliance with the wish of the Board, I endeavored to make my arrangements for my field of labor, as early as possible. I commenced on the 22nd of April, and found the state of the Churches in the same condition as were reported for the two last years. At every step in my progress, I was met by that kindness characteristic of the christian, and rejoiced most heartily in the contemplation of the blessed effects of the Religion of my Divine Master; a religion which alone can diffuse joy and peace wherever it is propagated. I travelled 65 days; preached 69 sermons, and baptised 4 persons. The sickness of myself and family compelled me to retire from the field of my labor. May the Lord bless the feeble efforts of his unworthy servant, to the good of the people, is my prayer, for Christ's sake. JOEL BENNET.

## REPORT OF WILLIAM AYERS.

Dear Brethren:—It becomes my duty to inform you of the disposition I have made of my time, as your Missionary, the past Associational year. I commenced my labors in April, and found the Churches in my field highly gratified with the arrangement of the Board; and the fields of labor assigned us as Missionaries, met their warmest approbation. I have found better congregations this, than any previous year, and the only difficulty I found was, that I could not go sufficiently often among them, and give them more of my time. I feel truly thankful to the Churches, and to non-professors, for their great kindness to me. I have travelled for the Board 112 days, differing somewhat from the first arrangement of the Committee, to which they afterwards agreed. I have stated to the Churches, that it was their indispensable duty, to support the Ministers in the bounds of the Association, and with one exception, heard no opposition. I have baptised this year, within my limits, 88 persons, and left my circuit, October 15th. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon the labors of one of the unworthiest of his servants, for Christ's sake. Farewell, WM. AYERS.

R. M. McRackan, Treasurer, in account with Cape Fear Baptist Association, Nov. 1851:

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| To cash received from Committees, | $484 34 | |
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| By cash paid Bro. W. Ayers, | $112 00 | |
| " " " " D. B. Ayers, | 162 00 | |
| " " " " J. Bennet, | 65 00 | |
| " " " " Clerk, | 20 00 | |
| " " " " for printing Minutes, | 40 00 | |
| By cash on hand, | 76 34 | |
| | | $484 34 |

## BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society was called into session. H. Lennon, President; R. M. McRackan, Treasurer and Clerk.

### REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

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| Amount received from Treasurer last year, | $12 55 | |
| " " " Elder H. Lennon, subsequent to last meeting, | 12 67 | |
| " " for Books sold, | 30 68 | |
| Respectfully submitted, | | $55 90 |

B. FREEMAN, *Ag't.*

The Committee of Finance reported $14 received, which amount was paid over to the Treasurer.

Appointed the Executive Committee of the Association, as the Executive Committee of the Bible Society.

Adjourned to time and place of next Association.

The following persons paid the sums annexed to their names to the Bible Society:

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| J. Smith, | $1 00 | H. Lennon, | $1 00 |
| B. Freeman, | 1 00 | Joseph Thompson, | 1 00 |
| F. Prevat, | 1 00 | Jesse Sykes, | 50 |
| R. McDaniel, | 2 00 | A. P. Repiton, | 1 00 |
| H. McAlpin, | 1 00 | Alva Smith, | 1 00 |
| J. M. Beasley, | 1 00 | | |
| D. T. Everit, | 1 00 | | $13 50 |
| P. P. Rollins, | 1 00 | | |

### *A DIGEST of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Antioch—This Church is in a most prosperous condition; has a large and flourishing Sabbath School. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Ashpole—This Church is in peace and harmony, and has had some increase. Elder Zadok Bullock is Pastor.

Back Swamp—This Church is in the enjoyment of christian fellowship. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Bear Swamp—This Church has had a gracious revival of religion; also keeps up a regular Sabbath School. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Beulah—This Church is prospering: having lately had a revival with some accessions; she has a Sabbath School. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Beaverdam, Bladen County—Nothing to communicate. Elder T. Smith is Pastor.

Beaverdam, Columbus County—This Church speaks of difficulties.—Elder A. Noble is Pastor.

Bethel—Has nothing to communicate special, except a Sunday School in operation. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Big Branch—This Church has had a considerable revival. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Brier Branch—This Church has had a revival. No Pastor.

Cape Fear—This Church complains of difficulties. Elder H. McAlpin is Pastor.

Cedar Creek—This Church complains of coldness, with many and serious difficulties.

Cheerful Hope—This Church has a flourishing Sabbath School. Elder G. W. Lennon is Pastor.

Concord—Has a prospect of better times than the present. Elder T. Smith is Pastor.

Cross Roads—Has love among themselves. Elder E. Davis is Pastor.

Fayetteville—Nothing special. Elder N. A. Purify is Pastor.

Hickory Grove—Is in a prosperous condition. Elder J. Stone is Pastor.

Honey Camp—Is in harmony. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Iron Hill X Roads—Has nothing special. W. Mints is Pastor.

Macedonia—Has improved somewhat since the last Association. J. Stone is Pastor.

Macedonia, S. C.—Has had no Pastor; enjoyed the labors of the Itinerant.

Mount Eliam—Is in peace. Elder J. Stone is Pastor.

Mount Zion—Communicates nothing special; has had the services of Elder D. J. Ray.

Mount Sinai—Is in peace and union; has had but little preaching, except by the Itinerant. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Mountation—Has no Pastor; is in peace and union.

New Britain—Has nothing to communicate. Elder J. Bennet is Pastor.

Orange Street, Wilmington—Thinks there are indications of a reviving interest. Elder A. P. Repiton is Pastor.

Pine Grove—Communicates nothing special. D. B. Ayers is Pastor.

Pleasant Grove—Is in peace.

Pleasant Hill—Has a Sabbath School. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Pleasant Plains—This Church is in good order. There is a Temperance Society in the neighborhood, which includes some of the prominent church members. G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Porter Swamp—Has had a revival. H. Lennon is Pastor.

Providence—Has attentive congregations. J. Monroe is Pastor.

Rockfish—Is in the enjoyment of peace; has had the labors of D. B. Ayers, as Itinerant.

Saddle Tree—Is in brotherly love. Elder E. Davis is Pastor.

Seven Creeks—Has nothing to communicate. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Shallotte—Has a flourishing Sabbath School, and is expecting a season of revival. Elder W. M. Mints is Pastor.

Shiloh—Is in harmony, but in a cold state. Elder H. McAlpin is Pastor.

Spring Branch—Speaks of an improvement in discipline. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Simpson's Creek—Communicates nothing.

Union—Is in peace.

United Church—Communicates nothing important. Elder T. G. Rogers is Pastor.

White Lake—Is in union; has the services of D. B. Ayers as Itinerant.

Western Prong—Has large and attentive congregations. Elder H. Lennon is the Pastor.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

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# MINUTES.

SATURDAY, Nov. 6th, 1852.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder E. Davis, from 3d chap. of Phillippians, and 3d verse.

After an intermission of twenty minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the Divine direction invoked by Brother H. McAlpin.

A majority of Churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed as a committee of Finance, Bright Williams, Arthur Melvin, and John E. Lennon.

Appointed as Assistant Clerk, J. C. Powell.

After the reading of Letters, and recording the names of Delegates, the Officers were elected, viz: Haynes Lennon, Moderator; Robt. M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer; and James C. Powel, Assistant Clerk.

An opportunity was afforded newly constituted Churches to present themselves for admission into the Association, when the Springfield and White Marsh Churches were received.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations were invited to present themselves. Brethren Harman from the Welsh Neck, and Leach and D. Monroe from the Pee Dee Associations, came forward and were invited to seats with us.

A committee was appointed to supply the stage, during the session of the Association, consisting of Brethren Jacob Thompson, J. B. Thompson, Norman Martin and Moses Meares.

A committee of Arrangements, consisting of Brethren William Ayers, Haynes Lennon and F. Prevat, was appointed.

A committee of Vigilance, consisting of Brethren Bright Williams, J. D. McNeill and Isham Pitman, was appointed.

Brother Haynes Lennon was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon on to-morrow, Sabbath.

Association adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. W. Ayers.

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SABBATH.

A most inauspicious morning. The rain began to fall at an early hour; and continued until 1 o'clock, P. M., yet a large Meeting House protected a numerous congregation during the services.

At 10 o'clock the services were begun by Bro. Harman, who preached from Romans 10th chap. and 13th v. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Elder H. Lennon followed immediately after with a missionary discourse, from Romans 5th chap. and 1st v. "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

*Religious Periodicals.*—A. Paul Repiton and G. W. Lennon.

In the last Minutes it was stated that the Fayetteville Church had obtained a letter of admission, it should read, had granted a letter of Dismission.

Bro. McAlpin was authorized to prepare a suitable letter to the Union Association.

The letter to the Welsh-Neck Association was read and approved by the body.

Bro. H. Lennon was authorized to prepare a suitable letter to the Pee Dee Association.

The following Brethren were appointed messengers to corresponding Associations: To the Pee Dee, Jacob Thompson, F. Prevat and W. B. Bullard. To the Union, H. McAlpin, H. Lennon and A. Melvin. To the Welsh-Neck, A. R. Pitman, N. Martin and A. Andrews.

The Clerk of the Association was directed to inform the Treasurer of the Convention, Forestville, Wake county, the amount expended in Domestic Missions.

The Clerk authorized to prepare a digest from the letters, and also to appoint Delegates to the Convention.

Ordered, that 1500 copies of the Minutes be printed.

The Clerk allowed Twenty Dollars for his services.

The Association adjourned to give the Domestic Mission Board a session.

The Financial Committee reported $206 35, in money, and $98 12 in acknowledgements.

Bro. Prevat reported.

Committee to select Ministers reported. Report received.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay the Itinerants according to their reports.

A Committee was appointed to arrange the unfinished business of the Board, consisting of H. Lennon, F Lennon, R. Wooten, A. Powel, B. Freeman, M. Meares and W. B. Bullard.

The Board adjourned to allow the Association an opportunity to complete its business.

The Association resumed its session.

A letter from the Wilmington Church relative to the ordination of Bro. Wm. Howard, was received, and its request granted. The Ministry directed to assist in the ordination whenever required.

The thanks of the Association were respectfully tendered to the neighborhood for their hospitable entertainment.

Association adjourned.

HAYNES LENNON, *Moderator.*

R. M. McRackan, *Clerk.*

Bible Society came into session. The officers of the past year were re-elected. B. Freeman and J. C. Powel, as committee of Finance, reported as having received $6 25.

An Executive Committee, consisting of H. Lennon, F. Lennon, Ab. Powell, R. Wooten and B. Freeman, to meet at the Cross Roads, 2d Thursday in December, 1852.

# APPENDIX.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec. by Let. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Association Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON. | | | | | | | | | |
| Ash Pole, | W. Ayers, A. R. Pitman, Isham Pitman, | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 202 | $3 00 |
| Antioch, | J. W. Smith, G. Warwick, M. Meares, | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 145 | 2 00 |
| Big Branch, | W. B. Bullard, B. Williams, M. Warwick. | 13 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 134 | 2 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | Isham Stone, S. Stone, Willis Larson, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 44 | 1 00 |
| Black Swamp, | F. Prevat, J. D. McNeil, Alfred Biggs, | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 88 | 2 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | E. Davis, W. Powel, Joseph Ratly, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 1 50 |
| Providence, | J. H. Cobb, G. E. Cobb, D. McGugan, | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 45 | 1 25 |
| Pleasant Grove, | J. Moore, Norman Martin, | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 48 | 1 25 |
| COLUMBUS. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | C. Sole,* S. P. Todd,* William Ward, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 87 | 1 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | J H Buffkin,* J Strickland, B H Buffkin,* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 1 20 |
| Cross Roads, | J. E. Lennon, J. M. Lennon, F. Lennon, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 111 | 2 25 |
| Macedonia, | N L Williamson, W W Brown, J Edmonds | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 68 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | J. H. Standly,* J. Todd, McL. Wright, | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 118 | 1 50 |
| Mount Moriah, | Not Represented. | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Tabor, | E. Phips, J. Harrilson, Arrington Hinson, | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 66 | 1 00 |
| Mount Zion, | D. J. Ray, C. Jones, S. Sasser, | 6 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 4 | 0 | 87 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, N. Stephens, C. Sasser, | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 98 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | L. J. Yates, A. Coleman, M. D. Coleman, | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 109 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Hill, | S. Frink, H. Thompson, T. Thompson, | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 52 | 1 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | E. H. Todd, S. Harrilson, J. E. Harrilson, | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 75 |
| Seven Creeks, | J. Long,* J. C. Standly,* J. Stephens,* | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 73 | 1 00 |
| White Marsh, | G. P. Woodel, N. Ray, L. Dew, | | | | | | | | |
| Western Prong, | H. Lennon, J. C. Powel, A. High, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 1 50 |
| BLADEN. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | R. Fisher, N. Jones, D. B. Melvin, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 1 25 |
| Brier Branch, | T. Tatum, J. McColl,* D. W. Downing,* | 20 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 155 | 2 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessoms, E. Johnson, E. D. Johnson, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 80 | 1 50 |
| Shiloh, | Jno. Monroe, Jessee Sykes, Jno. Smith,* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 2 35 |
| White Lake, | K. Carrol, J. Carrol,* W. H. Russ, | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 1 50 |
| BRUNSWICK. | | | | | | | | 49 | 1 00 |
| Bethel, | L Wescoat,* S Wescoat,* R M McRackan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | |
| Beulah, | S. B. Stanaland,* W. J. Stanaland, W. J. Gore,* | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. Lennon, J. Nye, C. J. Bird, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 1 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | R. W Holden,* E. Sellers,* J. D. Hewitt,* | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 66 | 1 00 |
| Mount Carmel, | Not Represented. | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Not Represented. | | | | | | | | |
| New Britain, | J. Russ, D. McKeithan,* S. Milligan,* | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 136 | 2 00 |
| Shallotte, | W. M. Mints, H. Hewitt, J. Gore,* | 7 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 97 | 1 00 |
| Union, | R. Woodsides, P. Lewis,* C V Fullwood,* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 1 00 |
| CUMBERLAND. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | W Holingsworth, J Plummer, C B Tyson, | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 188 | 3 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | A. Melvin, D. P. West, W. C. West, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 70 | 2 00 |
| Concord, | H. Jones, John Riley,* J. Horn,* | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 61 | 1 00 |
| Piney Grove, | J. Guy, W. H. Melvin, D. J. Taylor,* | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 57 | 1 00 |
| Rock Fish, | H. McAlpin, Jas. Wilder, Jas. Cashwell, | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 1 00 |
| MARION. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | S. Dusenberry, N. Bullock, D. M. Shaw, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 199 | 2 00 |
| HORRY. | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | A. Jarnegan,* H. Williamson, E C Powel, | 26 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | William Hardy, Levi Jerald, | 7 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 50 |
| Buck Creek, | J. Hardy, D. Hardy,* E. Hughes, | 12 | 0 | 3 | [illegible] | 3 | 1 | 46 | 1 00 |
| United Church, | C. Todd, Wm. M. Dubois. | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 75 | 1 00 |
| Simpson's Creek, | N. J. Cox, S. Hughes, A. J. Hardy, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 44 | 1 00 |
| Spring Branch, | A. Smith,* W. Griffin,* E. Worley. | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 150 | 3 00 |
| Springfield, | J. G. Gore,* E. F. Hickman, W. Hughes. | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 50 |
| WILMINGTON. | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street. | Jas. [illegible], W. Swain, John Shaler, | [illegible] | 7 | 1 | 2 | 8 | [illegible] | 107 | 2 [illegible] |

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Those marked thus * were absent.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This subject has been committed to us, and your committee feel that one of larger importance could not have been given to them; they feel their inadequacy to do that justice which it requires at their, and at the hands of those speaking or writing on it. An Education is what all desire, and surely that desire should be cultivated to the greatest possible extent; it should yield to nothing save in the attainment of that Holiness, without which it is impossible to see the face of God in peace. The mind is that part of our being which constitutes the man; it is mind, enlightened mind, that has made the lightning obedient to its will, and convey communications in the twinkling of an eye without regard to distance, and as to the inventions that are yet unborn, who can, who will presume to set bounds to the cultivated, the disciplined, the educated mind of man. All things in nature seem to bend to its will, and the day has arrived when you hear the expression from all, that impossibilities are seemingly overcome.

If such be the effects in things temporal, what think you will follow a mind of like ardor, tutored in things Divine—inspired with that love which cometh down from Heaven, which beareth all things, which hopeth all things, which believeth all things? We have an answer to the question in the character of St. Paul; brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, skilled in all the learning of the age, he was enabled to contend successfully with the wisdom and philosophy of the famous Athens. A mind imbued with love divine, and skilled in knowledge, will be able to put to shame all opposition, being armed in truth it must as a consequence triumph.

Your committee deem it unnecessary to swell this report to an unusual size where all are convinced of the great necessity of an Educated Ministry. They, however, would have it distinctly understood, that they are in no wise detracting from those now in, and who have been in the field, whose lot has been other than advantageous. They have done well, and nobly borne the Banner of the Cross wherever they have preached; having done, and still doing the work assigned them, they merit our hearty support and approbation. While, however, we continue such in the field as have given satisfactory proof of their calling, let us with that magnanimity which becomes our profession, give every one of us as we may be able annually, to the Wake Forest College, and endeavor to raise a fund in every Church, that we may be able to give that Institution something worthy of the Cape Fear Association.

Brethren: The time of hope
And of probation speeds on rapid wings,
Swift and returnless. What we have to do,
Do with our might.

L. WESCOAT.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS AND PUBLICATION SOCIETIES.

These subjects have been brought before us year after year, until every family within our bounds has had "line upon line." They have not received that attention which their importance demands. Sabbath Schools have, however, increased in numbers and interest during the past year; but Publications have been neglected.

Your committee would urge the necessity upon the leading members of the Churches composing this Association, to take hold of these subjects, and carry them practically into effect, until every Church shall have a Sabbath School and Library, and the Association a Depository of the Societies Publications. Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES LENNON, Ch'n.

## BIBLE SOCIETIES.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the subject of the Bible cause in the Cape Fear Association, report: That in their opinion, the present mode of operation falls far short of accomplishing the object for which the society was created, viz: the dissemination of the word of Life to the destitute in our bounds. The Agents being located, and the books consequently kept in one place, but few can be supplied, and many that are most needy cannot be supplied at all.

We would suggest to the Society the propriety of appointing our Itinerants as Agents to sell, and otherwise dispose of the books now on hand, and employ the funds now in the Treasury, in the purchase of more Bibles. If our people could realize the importance of reading our own Denominational works, then, we would recommend that our Itinerants be requested to act as Colporteurs, and a per centage allowed sufficient to remunerate them for whatever inconvenience they may suffer. We would further recommend, that the Society or its Agents purchase such books as are calculated to enlighten and convince the minds of all, as to our Denominational sentiments. If books were thrown around us, among those who are denied the privilege of obtaining them unless brought to their doors, a desire for information would be the consequence, and intelligence be diffused throughout the Associational ground.

Trusting that the Society may devise some plan for the more general spread of the Holy Scriptures, we submit the foregoing.

Respectfully, BENJAMIN FREEMAN.

## BEAVER DAM CHURCH.

Beloved Brethren: I, as one of your committee to the Beaver Dam Church, report, that I attended to the part assigned me, and found the difficulty happily settled. WILLIAM AYERS.

## REPORT OF F. PREVATT.

Dear Brethren: Soon after having received the appointment of the Domestic Mission Board, I commenced travelling in the section assigned me; in consequence of which, I have been present when the people seemingly enjoyed some precious seasons of Divine grace. I commenced on the 15th April, since that time, (besides the services I have rendered the Churches that had been previously promised my services as pastor,) I have travelled ninety-one days, preached ninety sermons, and baptized thirty-six persons. I received from the Hickory Grove Church, Two Dollars and fifty-five cents. May the Lord abundantly bless his own word to the good of the people, is my most hearty prayer for Christ's sake.

FURNEY PREVATT.

## REPORT OF WILLIAM AYERS.

Dear Brethren: I present you the following report. My services for the Board were commenced in April and continued to November.

I found the Churches in the same condition in which they were left by me. The opposition to the Ministry is giving way, and the cry now is, come over and help us. I have travelled one hundred and fifty-eight days, baptized seventy-nine persons, and assisted the Churches in their conferences as oft as possible. Much has been done since the commencement of Missionaries, and much remains to be done, through the instrumentality of preaching, therefore, let us work while it is day, making all possible efforts to bring our fellows to take upon them the yoke of the Gospel. You will see what I have collected from the Churches and friends by the list given the Secretary to be placed in the minutes of the Board. Permit me to give you my thanks, brethren and friends, for all the kindness shown me, and may God's blessing attend you all.

WILLIAM AYERS.

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## REPORT OF D. B. AYERS.

Dear Brethren: It again becomes my duty to report my Missionary labors in the field assigned me by your Executive Committee. I commenced my operations on the 9th of April, and found my appointments well attended; perhaps better than was expected, and my health gradually improving. In consequence of an accident in May, I was disappointed in attending any of my appointments except Hickory Grove, and had well nigh caused a failure in June. With these disadvantages I have endeavored to discharge my duties through Grace, "in all my best," committing the result to him, who alone is able to bring strength out of weakness. Though we have had no great revivals, yet we have had many pleasant meetings. I have travelled ninety-four (94) days, including rest, delivered seventy-eight sermons and exhortations, baptized five or six individuals, received Ten Dollars and seventy cents, viz: $8,50 at Cape Fear and $2,20 at Concord.

May the Lord of the harvest fitly qualify and send out more laborers into his vineyard, "For the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few." Respectfully submitted,

D. B. AYERS.

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The following persons came forward and paid the sums annexed to their names, to the Bible Society:

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| Rev. H. Lennon, | $1 00 |
| Jesse Sykes, | 25 |
| H. Lennon for J. W. Gore, | 1 00 |
| Norman Martin, | 1 00 |
| Rev. G. W. Lennon, (father of J. P. L.) | 1 00 |
| A. F. Powell, | 1 00 |
| R. M. McRackan, | 1 00 |
| | $6 25 |

Robt. M. McRackan, Treasurer, in account with the Cape Fear Baptist Association, Nov. 1852:

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| To cash received from Committees, | $397 65 | |
| Cash on hand, | 85 34 | |
| | | $482 99 |

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| By cash paid Bro. W. Ayers, | $158 00 | |
| “ “ “ “ D. B. Ayers, | 94 00 | |
| “ “ “ “ F. Prevatt, | 91 00 | |
| “ “ “ “ H. Lennon, | 10 00 | |
| “ “ “ Clerk, | 20 00 | |
| “ “ “ Printing Minutes, | 40 00 | |
| “ “ on hand, | 69 99 | |
| | | $482 99 |

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The following Churches and individuals came forward and paid the sums annexed to their names:

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| Mt. Pisgah, | $10 50 | paid W. Ayers, | $5 50 |
| Piney Grove, | 5 00 | Providence, | 3 00 |
| C. J. Byrd, | 2 00 | Western Prong, | 6 50 |
| Orange St. Church, | 5 00 | Back Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Shiloh, | 5 00 | Big Branch, | 10 00 |
| John Ellis, | 2 00 | Spring Branch, | 5 35 |
| Mt. Elam, | 5 00 | Cross Roads, | 10 00 |
| United Churches, | 5 00 | Shallotte, | 9 00 |
| Beaver Bam, Bladen, | 5 00 | Union, | 5 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 12 00 | Saddle Tree, | 6 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 5 00 | | |
| D. B. Ayers, | 5 00 | acknowledged by D. B. Ayers. | |
| Honey Camp, | 4 00 | Do W. Ayers. | |
| Macedonia, S. C., | 4 00 | Do Do | |
| Simpson's Creek, | 11 00 | Do Do | |
| Buck Creek, | 10 00 | Do Do | |
| Beulah, | 10 00 | Do Do | |
| Beaver Dam, Columbus, | 2 00 | Do Do | |
| Mt. Sinai, | 8 50 | Do Do | |
| Iron Hill Cross Roads, | 7 50 | Do Do | |
| Mt. Tabor, | 3 90 | Do Do | |
| Springfield, | 6 00 | Do Do | |
| Seven Creeks, | 11 00 | Antioch, | $10 00 |
| New Britain, | 5 00 | Cherry Grove, | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 10 00 | Macedonia, Columbus, | 5 00 |
| Ash Pole, | 5 00 | | |
| Mt. Zion, | 5 00 | acknowledged by H. Lennon. | |
| White Marsh, | 5 00 | Do. Do | |
| Brier Branch, | 3 00 | Hickory Grove, | $6 45 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 5 50 | White Lake, | 6 00 |
| Cape Fear, | 8 52 | acknowledged by D. B. Ayers. | |
| Concord, | 2 20 | Do Do | |
| Cedar Creek, | 5 00 | W. J. Toller, | 1 00 |
| H. McAlpin, | 5 00 | | |

The following Brethren were appointed Delegates to the Baptist State Convention to be held at Tarborough, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1853, viz:

W. Ayers, G. Warwick, J. Stone, F. Prevatt, J. Thompson, J. B. Thompson, E. Davis, B. Freeman. J. H. Cobb, N. Martin, J. E. Lennon, W. Lennon, A. Powel, J. G. Powel, H. Lennon, P. Wooten, J. Monroe, D. B. Ayers, L. Wescoat, D. Stanaland, G. W. Lennon, E. Bozeman, J. W. Woodsides, W. Hollingsworth, D. T. Everit, J. R. Tolier, J. T. Honrine, H. McAlpin, A. Smith, J. Griffin, A. P. Repiton, Joel Reaves, J. Bennet, M. Meares, and R. Fisher.

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## *A Digest of the state of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Antioch. Brotherly love and union abounds; has a flourishing Sabbath School, which promises to effect much good. Elder Haynes Lennon is Pastor.

Ashpole. Has had large and attentive congregations while in the enjoyment of peace among themselves. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Back Swamp. This Church is in a good condition, having such a spirit as should characterize all calling themselves Christians. Elder F. Prevat is Pastor.

Bear Swamp. This Church has had refreshing seasons; it has a Sabbath School. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Beulah. This Church has respectable congregations, with a gradual increase in numbers. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Beaver Dam. Is in peace and has had some additions. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Beaver Dam, Bladen. Is in a cold, barren state; having the labors of Elders T. Smith, R. Fisher, and A. Hall.

Bethel. Has nothing special. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Big Branch. Has had some gracious seasons; many conversions, and many seeking the favor of God. Elder F. Prevat is Pastor.

Brier Branch. Has had a protracted meeting, which was abundantly blessed. Elder J. Cashwell is Pastor.

Cape Fear. Has nothing of interest to communicate. Elder Hugh McAlpin is Pastor.

Cedar Creek. Is in a languid state, having had troublous times among them. Elder H. McAlpin is Pastor.

Cheerful Hope. Has had some difficulties. Elder G. W. Lennon is Pastor.

Concord. Is in the enjoyment of peace and harmony. Elder T. Smith is Pastor.

Cherry Grove. Is in peace, and has large congregations. Elder Jesse Rogers is Pastor.

Cross Roads. Is cheered with indications of a gracious revival. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Hickory Grove. Is in peace. Elder J. Stone is Pastor.

Honey Camp. Has had a gracious revival. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Iron Hill X Roads. Is advancing in spirituality and numbers.—

Macedonia. Has had some increase in numbers. Elder J. Stone is Pastor.

Macedonia, S. C. Has had an increase in numbers, and is in the enjoyment of peace. No Pastor.

Mt. Eliam. Brotherly love prevails. Elder J. Stone is Pastor.

Mount Zion. Is in peace. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Mount Sinai. Has attentive congregations. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Mount Tabor. Speaks of being more firmly rooted and grounded in the faith. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Mount Pisgah. Is in peace after having gone through many and hard trials. Elder A. M. Nobles is Pastor.

New Britain. Speaks discouragingly, but discovers an anxious solicitude for a better state of things. Elder Joel Bennet is Pastor.

Orange Street, Wilmington. Has no Pastor. Bespeaks a spirit becoming the christian character.

Pine Grove. Is in peace and union. Elder D. B. Ayers is Pastor.

Rock Fish. Is in a cold state. Elder J. Cashwell is Pastor.

Pleasant Grove. Is in peace. No Pastor.

Pleasant Hill. Is in a prosperous condition, and has a flourishing Sabbath School. Has had Itinerants.

Pleasant Plains. Has large and attentive congregations, with a prospect ot increase. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Porter Swamp. Has large congregations. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Providence. Speaks of interesting meetings, many anxious about their spiritual condition. Elder J. H. Cobb is Pastor.

Saddle Tree. Nothing important. Elder E. Davis is Pastor.

Seven Creeks. Nothing of interest. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Shallotte. Is in peace. Elder W. M. Mints is Pastor.

Shiloh. Laments the want of cheering news to communicate. Elder H. McAlpin is Pastor.

Spring Branch. Has had a gracious outpouring of the spirit. Elder F. Prevat is Pastor.

Simpson's Creek. Has had great coldness with many difficulties. She is now in peace. No Pastor.

Union. Has nothing important. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

United Church. Has had a revival. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

White Lake. Laments her lifeless condition; little or no spirituality discoverable. Elder A. B. Alderman is Pastor.

Western Prong. Has on Sabbaths large and attentive congregations. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

White Marsh. Has just been received into the Association.

Buck Creek. Is in a good state. Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

Springfield. Has just been received into the Association.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD AT

WHITE MARSH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

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# MINUTES.

THURSDAY, Nov. 3d, 1853.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder Furney Prevat, from 22d chapter Revelations, and 14th verse.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the Divine direction invoked by Brother G. W. Hill, after reading and singing.

A majority of Churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brothers F. Lennon, Matthews and Cain, as a Committee of Finance.

Appointed Brother B. Freeman, Assistant Clerk.

After the reading of Letters, and recording the names of Delegates, the Officers were elected, viz: Haynes Lennon, Moderator; Robert M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer; and Benjamin Freeman, Assistant Clerk.

Corresponding Messengers from Sister Associations were invited to present themselves. Brothers Leach and McLean from the Pee Dee Association, came forward and were invited to seats with us.

A letter from the Union Association was read before this body; the letter was received.

A Committee was appointed to supply the Stage during the session of the Association, consisting of Brethren B. Freeman, J. Beach, J. Monroe, C. P. Woodel, and W. Frink.

A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of Brethren Haynes Lennon, Hugh McAlpin, and F. Prevat, was appointed.

Association adjourned to 9½ o'clock, Friday morning. Prayer by Brother Joel Bennet.

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FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment. Reading the Scriptures and singing by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother Dusenberry.

An invitation was extended to visiting Brethren to present themselves, when Elder P. C. Conoly came forward, and was invited to a seat with us.

An opportunity was afforded newly constituted Churches to present themselves for admission. Friendship, presented itself and was referred to a committee.

Several Brethren were present as delegates, without letters; they were, however, recognized as such and invited to seats with us.

The next session of the Association to meet with the Spring Branch Church, Horry District, S. C., on Thursday, 10½ o'clock before the 1st Sabbath in November, 1854.

Brother A. Hall was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association. Brother G. W. Hill, alternate.

Brother Haynes Lennon was appointed to preach a Charity Sermon at the next Association. Brother H. McAlpin, alternate.

Mt. Moriah Church being in a low condition, it was advised to remain yet another year and endeavor to revive things.

Appointed Elders H. McAlpin, P. C. Conoly, J. Bennet, F. Prevat and S. Dusenberry, a committee to examine candidates for Ordination.

Invited Brethren Mitchel and Formy Duval, of Mt. Moriah Church, to seats with us.

The following were appointed Messengers to Sister Associations: To Welsh Neck, Elders William Ayers, N. Bullock, N. Martin; To Pee Dee, Elders J. H. Cobb, E. Davis, F. Prevat, and Brethren J. Thompson and W. B. Ballard; To Union, Elders H. McAlpin, James Cashwell, A. Hall, H. Lennon, and Brother A. Melvin.

Appointed R. M. McRackan to write the letter of correspondence to the Welsh Neck Association; Elder H. Lennon to the Union, and Benjamin Freeman to the Pee Dee Associations.

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported. Report received, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

A Committee was appointed to wait on the Mount Carmel Church, and report as to its condition, consisting of W. Matthews, W. Mints, and P. J. Stanaland.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of Brethren G. W. Hill, Rozier and Freeman, to select subjects to be reported at the next Association.

The subject of the Declaration of Principles was taken up, and laid over until to-morrow.

The Committee on Religious Periodicals reported. Report received, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

The Association took a recess of half an hour, after which time, the Domestic Mission Board came into session.

J. G. Powel, H. McAlpin, and J. Monroe, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Elder Haynes Lennon was elected chairman, R. M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer, and B. Freeman, Assistant Clerk.

A Committee was appointed to select Itinerants for the ensuing year, consisting of Brethren B. Freeman, J. A. Rozier, J. G. Powell, J. Monroe, F. Lennon, A. Melvin, and E. Bozeman.

The Board adjourned, for the Association to resume its session.

The Association came into session. A Committee was appointed to take necessary steps for the prevention of the sale of intoxicating liquors, consisting of E. Weshard, Z. Williamson, and W. Frink.

The Association adjourned to 9½ o'clock, Saturday morning. Prayer by Brother Conoly.

Saturday Morning, 9½ o'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment. Reading and Singing by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother W. Ayers.

Committee on the Friendship Church reported, and the Church was received into the Association.

Committee on Sabbath Schools and Publication Societies reported. Report received.

Committtee to select subjects and appoint committees on various subjects reported. Report received.

The Moderator directed to appoint delegates to the next Convention, to meet at Fayetteville, on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1854.

The Clerk of the Association was directed to inform the Treasurer of the Convention, Forrestville, Wake county, the amount expended in Domestic Missions.

The subject of the Declaration of Principles was taken up as was proposed on yesterday, and adopted with amendments, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes, together with the Constitution and Rules of Order of this Association, and that 2,000 copies be printed with a neat paper cover.

The Clerk to receive 25 dollars for his services.

A committee was appointed to prepare a Digest of the state of Religion as indicated in the Church Letters consisting of Brethren Jno. Smith and H. McAlpin.

Query.—Suppose a member of one Church charges a Minister of another Church with falsehood, and the Minister reports said member to his Church for slander, and the Church acquits said Minister, but neglects to discipline said member for slander, does the Church discharge her duty towards said member, and has not the said Minister just right to complain against said Church and seek redress of grievance?

Answer. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Association that said Church should discipline said member, and that said Minister has a right to seek redress for said grievance, inasmuch, as the matter is calculated to injure his usefulness, and to some extent mar his happiness.

A charge was brought against the Ashpole Church, by the Back Swamp Church, which was referred to a committee consisting of Elders H. Lennon, and Hugh McAlpin, together with the Deacons of Big Branch, Mt. Eliam, Saddle Tree and Pleasant Grove Churches, to report at the next Association. A recess of an half hour was taken.

Domestic Mission Board came into session.

Elder William Ayers reported as an Itinerant; report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

*Ordered*, That Brother W. Ayers receive $275 for his services the past year.

*Ordered*, That Brother Bullard, in consequence of Bro. Prevatt's disappointment, should receive $15 for his services; the former having filled the place of the latter.

*Resolved*, That the report of Bro. Cashwell be received,—that he be recognized as an Itinerant and paid $75 for his services.

The Itinerant Committee reported that Brethren Conoly, Hill and Cashwell had been consulted, and expressed a readiness to engage in the work as Missionaries, provided they receive One Dollar per day for each, besides the actual expenses incurred.

The Executive Committee of last year was appointed for this.

Committee of Finance reported $286 75, received.

The Treasurer to pay the Itinerants according to their reports.

Elder A. P. Repiton was appointed to preach a sermon on the subject of Justification, on Sabbath of our next Association. Elder H. McAlpin his alternate.

The Committee of Finance reported $84 95, received.

*Resolved*, That we recommend to a general circulation within our bounds, the Biblical Recorder, published in Raleigh, as the organ of our denomination. Also, the Baptist Preacher, published in Richmond, Virginia, by Elder H. Keeling, it being an uncompromising advocate of Baptist principles.

Report of the Examining Committee was received in regard to the Preachers.

*Resolved*, That the Association will not consider itself as adjourned until the services of to-morrow are concluded.

The thanks of the Association were respectfully tendered to the neighborhood for their hospitable entertainment.

The collection on to-morrow, Sabbath, to be appropriated to Domestic Missions.

## SABBATH.

A large and orderly congregation were present to join with us in celebrating the praises, and hearing the preached word of the most High God.

The services were commenced by Elder A. P. Repiton, who preached from 3d chapter, 14th verse, Hebrews, "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Elder H. McAlpin immediately followed from the 11th chapter, 6th verse Ecclesiastes, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

After an hour's intermission, the congregation were addressed by Brother Conoly of the Pee Dee Association, from the 22d chapter, 17th verse Revelations, "And the spirit and the bride say come. And let him that heareth say come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

The Association adjourned.

HAYNES LENNON, *Moderator.*

Robt. M. McRackan, *Clerk.*

The Executive Committee met at the Cross Roads on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in December, at which time the Committee appointed to settle the misunderstanding between the Ash Pole and Back Swamp Churches, reported that every hindrance had been removed, and Brotherly Love was in full operation. The Executive Committee considering this matter as coming within their jurisdiction, discharged the Committee appointed to settle the difference.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec. by Let. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Ass. Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON. | | | | | | | | | |
| Ash Pole, | W. Ayers, J. Pitman, Joseph Thompson, | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | 2 | 6 | 2 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Antioch, | J. A. Rozier, E. Wishard, H. J. Pope, | 41 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 180 | 2 [illegible] |
| Big Branch, | W. B. Bullard, M. Warwick, B. Williams, | 15 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 144 | 2 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | J. Stone, E. D. Johnson, S. Stone, | 15 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 72 | 1 50 |
| Back Swamp, | J. Thompson, J. B. Thompson, B. Freeman, | 8 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 99 | 2 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | E. Davis, E. Carlile, W. Powell, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 82 | 1 50 |
| Providence, | D. W. Megugan, | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 1 25 |
| Pleasant Grove, | N. Martin, R. S. Moore, H. J. Bullock. | 20 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 70 | 1 50 |
| COLUMBUS. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | C. Sole, W. J. Stanly, H. Best, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 97 | 1 50 |
| Cherry Grove, | J. Strickland, B. Buffkin, N. Strickland, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 90 |
| Cross Roads, | F. Lennon, J. M. Lennon, Wright Lennon, | 23 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 35 | 2 25 |
| Macedonia, | N. L. Williamson, L. Williamson, J. Watters, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 68 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | J. Mills, J. W. Gore, J. Todd, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 116 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Moriah, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Tabor, | J. Harrelson, J. Hinson, A. Hinson, | 20 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 95 | 1 05 |
| Mt. Zion, | C. Jones, S. Sasser, Sr., B. High, | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 76 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, N. Stevens, T. Sugs, | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 95 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | J. G. Powel, A. Powel, D. Coleman, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 102 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Hill, | M. M. Walker, W. Frink, D. Best, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 56 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Sinai, | J. Harrelson, G. C. Powel, J. W. Harrelson, | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 1 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | Joel Reaves, Jr., J. Long, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 65 | 1 00 |
| White Marsh, | C. P. Woodel, N. Ray, J. Batten, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 1 00 |
| Western Prong. | Haynes Lennon, R. Wooten, J. Ellis, | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 1 75 |
| BLADEN. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | R. Fisher, P. Rollins, E. Hall, | 54 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 182 | 1 50 |
| Brier Branch, | J. N. McCall, D. Shaw, W. H. Howard, | 26 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 173 | 2 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessoms, E. Johnson, W. C. Sykes, | 7 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 83 | 1 60 |
| Shiloh, | J. Monroe, J. Smith, L. Cashwell, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 00 |
| White Lake. | G. W. Cashwell, Carrol, H. J. Clarke, | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 59 | 1 00 |
| BRUNSWICK. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | L. Swain, S. Wescoat, R. M. McRackan, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 45 | 1 00 |
| Bewlah, | W. J. Stanaland, W. J. Gore, W. Matthews, | 0 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 39 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. Lennon, E. Smith, C. Little, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 51 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | H. K. Sellers, R. W. Holden, J. W. Simmons, | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 75 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Carmel, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Joel Reaves, Sr., J. Robbins, W. Robbins, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 42 | 1 50 |
| New Britain, | E. Bozeman, J. Beach, J. Bennet, | 16 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 144 | 2 00 |
| Shallot, | D. K. Mints, P. T. Stanaland, W. Grisset, | 12 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 104 | 1 00 |
| Union, | J. W. Woodsides, P. Lewis, C. V. Fullwood, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 1 00 |
| Friendship. | M. McKeithan, R. R. Miligan, Z. Russ, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 00 |
| CUMBERLAND. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | J. Toller, J. Thames, J. Plummer, | 11 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 212 | 3 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | A. Melvin, P. M. Smith, J. G. Edwards, | 27 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 115 | 3 00 |
| Concord, | W. Nunnery, R. Faircloth, J. L. Jackson, | 27 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 105 | 1 50 |
| Piney Grove, | J. T. Honrine, W. H. Melvin, S. Cain, | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 59 | 1 00 |
| Rock Fish. | H. McAlpin, James Cashwell, L. R. Hall, | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 37 | 1 00 |
| MARION. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp. | S. Dusenberry, J. R. Watson, S. B. Watson, | 8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 193 | 2 50 |
| HORRY. | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | |
| Macedonia, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | |
| Buck Creek, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | |
| United Church, | C. Todd, J. B. Edgo, W. L. Dubois, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 70 | 1 50 |
| Simpsons Creek, | E. C. Gore, John J. Reaves, N. J. Cox, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 1 00 |
| Spring Branch, | J. Granger, H. Enzor, C. Worley, | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 127 | 3 00 |
| Springfield. | E. F. Hickman, W. Hughes, C. P. Gore, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 50 |
| WILMINGTON. | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street. | A. P. Repiton, S. Spooner, J. Webb. | 22 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 129 | 2 00 |

## SABBATH SCHOOLS AND PUBLICATION SOCIETIES.

It is now nearly thirty years since under the name of the Baptist General Tract Society, we commenced our operations in the City of Washington, Feb., 25th, 1824. Our resources the first year amounted only to the sum of $3,73 80. The transfer of its location to Philadelphia in Dec., 1826, not only greatly facilitated its operations in the circulation of its publications, but multiplied its resources in a single year fourfold. In 1826, the receipts were $8,00; in 1827, they were $3,153. In 1829 they rose to $5,536, but the sudden death of its Secretary, the Rev. Noah Davis, in the following year, reduced them nearly one-half. Thus progressing, the Society has risen gradually, so that the receipts for the year ending March 15th, 1849, were $25,416, being an increase of $6,872, over the previous year. In 1852 they amounted to $42,358, leaving the Society clear of debt.

The Southern Publication Society located in Charleston, S. C., within the last year affected sales amounting to $15.000, embracing 17000 volumes.

Permit us to say that the Society has already accomplished a great work, by furnishing to the old and to the young, a pure, evangelical, and denominational literature, by gratuitously supplying poor Sabbath Schools and Ministers of Jesus Christ, with small but valuable libraries, by sending forth faithful colporteurs to accompany the sale or gift of volumes with earnest entreaty to flee the wrath to come, and distributing many thousands of tracts in the English, German, Dutch, French and Irish languages, among the needy at home and abroad.

With such facilities as these, every neighborhood may with ease establish a Sabbath School, furnish itself with a pure religious literature, to refresh, cultivate and gladden the hearts of the rising generation.

HAYNES LENNON, *Chairman.*

## RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Brethren:—To do justice to the subject you have assigned me, would require more time than necessary, and more space than prudence and economy would justify being occupied in your minutes.

It is a subject of vital importance to the more extensive diffusion of truth, and the regeneration of the world—and why? Because the information given and the intelligence communicated, tend to bring into active exercise those faculties of mind and body, which are, or ought to be, everywhere employed in doing good, and in obtaining good. Through this medium are solved vital questions of church policy, which tend to produce uniformity of sentiment, and a proper and amicable adjustment of cases of discipline of intricate import. Every family, therefore, in which the pure principles of the Bible are recognized, should be supplied with at least one or two good religious periodicals. The value and importance of those to the rising portion of the family are not to be estimated by dollars and cents. The amount necessary to procure them may be hoarded up, and thus serve in after life, to increase the facilities of personal distinction, while the sound, wholesome, moral instruction given, and indellible impression made by Divine truth, may tend to a life of pleasure and happiness while here, worthy of the name, and an abiding peace and comfort in the hour of death.

While upon this subject, then, let me now recommend to every brother or sister, who is at the head of a family, to lose no time in procuring for yourself, and the inmates of your house, the Biblical Recorder, published weekly in Raleigh, at $2, in advance, and the Baptist Preacher, published monthly at $1, in advance. All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. PAUL REPITON, *Chairman.*

## BIBLE CAUSE.

Believing that the cause could not be much benefitted by any lengthy essay that might be written on the subject, we would merely recommend to the Society that some more efficient means be employed for a general diffusion of the word of life throughout the bonds of the Cape Fear Association, and that if practised, auxiliary Societies be established in every church, and the Societies be supplied from the agency, and that they have some person to receive and distribute the books in particular localities, reporting to the auxiliaries, whose duty it shall be to report back to the parent Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee to select subjects and appoint Committees to write on the various subjects selected, reported as follows:

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| On Ministerial Education, | Elder H. Lennon and Bro. J. C. Powel, |
| " Foriegn Missions, | Elder F. Prevet and Bro. M. Warwick, |
| " Bible Societies, | Elder S Dusenberry and Bro. A. Powel, |
| " Sabbath Schools and Publication Societies, | Elder D. A. Ayers and Bro. E. Wishart, |
| " Baptist S. Convention, | Elder H. McAlpin and Bro. A. Melvin, |
| " Temperance, | Brethren R. Wooten and M. Mears, |
| " Colporteurage, | Elder J. Cashwell and Bro. D. T. Averit. |

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF WM. AYERS.

Beloved Brethren: It becomes my duty to inform you of the services rendered by me as your Itinerant for the past year. I commenced immediately after the Association, and devoted my time as in years past within its bounds, finding all things as I had left them; had many pleasant meetings until I was disappointed by the affliction of my family and self. In consequence of said affliction, my labor's were interrupted from June until August, when they were resumed and continued up to the Association. I have attended some protracted meetings, and hope that some good may have been done. I have traveled for the board 255 days including the rest allowed, and have had the pleasure of hearing many relate what the Lord has done for their souls, leaving all of them to be baptised by the Pastor or supplies as the case may be. I have taken up no collections, leaving that matter to the churches.

Brethren, I feel thankful to the Almighty that he has enabled me to serve the board in my weakness so long. I received my first appointment in 1836, since that time I have been traveling for the board with a few years exception. While engaged in the work, I have baptised one thousand and eighteen persons. And now brethren, being old and feeling unable to undergo the duties of a missionary, I hope you will be able to secure the services of two, if no more, the next year. May the Lord bless the labor's already done, and may the missionary spirit increase in our bounds.

I now tender my thanks to the Board for the honor conferred upon me in the appointment as Itinerant, and to all the churches where I have been for the kindness ever extended to me. May the Lord bless you all. I crave your prayers that I may be faithful until my labor is done on earth. Brethren and Friends, Farewell, WM. AYERS, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF JAMES CASHWELL.

Dear Brethren :—In accordance with usage I report, my labor's: I have traveled eighty days; preached seventy-eight sermons, and baptised sixty-three persons; received from churches and individuals the sum of $40.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CASHWELL.

The following churches and individuals came forward and paid the sums annexed to their names:

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| Ash Pole, | $5 00 | Concord, | 5 00 |
| Big Branch, | 10 00 | Piney Grove, | 10 00 |
| Mt. Eleam, | 5 00 | Orange Street, | 5 00 |
| Back Swamp, | 10 00 | Seven Creeks, | 5 00 |
| Providence, | 5 00 | Beaver Dam, | 5 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | 5 00 | Mt. Sinai, | 5 50 |
| Mt. Tabor, | 5 00 | Macedonia, | 5 00 |
| Mt. Zion, | 5 00 | Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| White Marsh, | 5 00 | Pleasant Hill, | 5 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 5 00 | Pleasant Plains, | 5 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 5 00 | Cross Roads, | 5 00 |
| Norman Martin, | 5 00 | Simpsons Creek, | 5 00 |
| Shiloh, | 10 00 | Springfield, | 5 00 |
| Bethel, | 10 00 | Western Prong, | 5 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 10 00 | Brier Branch, | 5 00 |
| Beulah, | 5 00 | Iron Hill X Roads, | 5 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | 5 00 | Beaver Dam, Columbus, | 3 00 |
| New Britain, | 10 00 | Samuel Dusenberry, | 5 00 |
| Shallot, | 5 00 | Antioch, | 10 00 |
| Union, | 5 00 | White Lake, | 5 00 |
| Cape Fear, | 25 25 | Friendship, | 3 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | 10 00 | Saddle Tree | 5 00 |

*A Digest of the state of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Antioch.—Is in a flourishing condition, having enjoyed a gracious revival of religion—love and union abounds. Elder Hayes Lennon is the Pastor.

Ash Pole.—Is under the Pastoral care of Elder William Ayers. They rejoice in the steady progress of the gospel amongst them, and look forward to still better times.

Back Swamp.—Is in a healthy condition, being in the enjoyment of love and union. Elder D. B. Ayers is Pastor.

Bear Swamp.—Has nothing special to communicate, all in peace. Elder Jesse Rogers is Pastor.

Beulah.—Communicated nothing important, has enjoyed the labor's of Elder Thomas G. Rogers, monthly. Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

Beaver Dam, *Bladen.*—Has enjoyed a glorious revival; the Lord has done great things for them, whereof they are glad. Through the year they have had the labors of Elder Thomas Smith and Averit Hall.

Beaver Dam, *Columbus.*—Nothing special. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Mt. Eliam.—Is in a prosperous condition, having enjoyed a revival of religion. Elder Isham Stone is their Pastor.

Mt. Zion.—Sends nothing interesting. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

Brier Branch.—Has enjoyed a revival of religion and is in a flourishing condition. Elder James Cashwell is Pastor.

White Lake.—Has had but little change, they look forward to better times. Elder James Cashwell is Pastor.

Shallot.—Has enjoyed some refreshings from the presence of the Lord. Elder Wm. M. Mints is Pastor.

New Britain.—Is encouraged to press forward. Elder Joel Bennet is Pastor.

Hickory Grove.—Reports all in love and harmony. Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

Friendship.—A new church. Elder A. M. Noble is Pastor.

Mt. Pisgah.—Speaks in glowing terms of the prospect before them.—Elder Wm. M. Mints is Pastor.

Mill Creek.—Is in a very cold state. No Pastor.

Spring Branch.—Reports an improvement in matters of discipline. Elder Furney Prevat is Pastor.

United Church.—Sends nothing interesting. Elder Thomas G. Rogers is Pastor.

Springfield.—Reports no change. Elder Wm. M. Mints is Pastor.

Mt. Tabor.—Has enjoyed a revival of religion. Elder Zadoc Bullock is Pastor.

Western Prong.—Has nothing interesting to communicate, is supplied by Elders G. W. Hill and Elder H. Lennon.

Bethel.—Unimportant. Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

White Marsh.—Reports all in peace. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Cross Roads.—Is in union and has enjoyed a revival of religion, for which they are glad. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Cheerful Hope.—All in peace. Elder G. W. Lennon is Pastor.

Saddle Tree.—Complains of coldness. Elder E. Davis, Pastor.

Providence.—Nothing Special. John Monroe and Jordan H. Cobb is their supply.

Mt. Sinai.—Is in peace and harmony. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Iron Hill X Roads.—Has no Pastor and reports no changes.

Cherry Grove.—Has had the occasional preaching of Elder Ladok Bullock. They pray that the gospel may be sent to them.

Pleasant Hill.—D. J. Ray is their supply. Nothing cheering, but hope for better times.

Little Rockfish.—Complains of coldness. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.

Piney Grove.—Reports no special change, but prays for more faith.—Supplied by D. B. Ayers as Pastor and monthly by David S. Williams.

Seven Creeks.—Communicates nothing important. Elder G. W. Hill is their supply.

Pleasant Plains.—Is endeavoring to exercise good discipline thereby keeping the unity of the spirit, in the bonds of peace. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Concord.—Has enjoyed a glorious revival of religion, for which gracious display of Heaven, they greatly rejoice. Elder Reuben Fisher is Pastor.

Cedar Creek.—Has enjoyed a revival, and is in a flourishing condition.—Elder H. McAlpin is their supply.

Cape Fear.—Is in the enjoyment of a revival, which they pray may continue. Elder H. McAlpin is Pastor.

Big Branch.—The good work is progressing in this church, love and union abounding. Elder F. Prevat is Pastor.

Porter Swamp.—Reports improvement in discipline, and looks forward to the time when the seed sown will produce an abundant harvest. Elder H. Lennon, Pastor.

Simpsons Creek.—Is afflicted with difficulties but hopes soon to get through with them. Elder Jesse Rogers is Pastor.

Macedonia.—Is at peace. Elder Isham Stone is their supply.

Pleasant Grove.—Has enjoyed refreshing seasons of grace, for which they rejoice. Elder D. B. Ayers is Pastor.

Union.—No change. Has no Pastor.

Orange Street.—Complains of a drought, but craves an interest in the prayers of the Association. They are without a Pastor. Elder A. P. Repiton is their supply.

Shiloh.—Is in a cold state, but hope the time will speedily come, when the Lord will revive his work amongst them. Elder H. McAlpin is Pastor.

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Rob't. M. McRackan, Treasurer, in account with the Cape Fear Baptist Association, November 1853.

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| To cash received from Committees................ | $371 70 |
| " Collections on Sabbath........................ | 47 79 |
| " Cash on hand.................................. | 69 99 |
| | 489 48 |

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| By cash paid Bro. Wm. Ayres..................... | $275 |
| " " " " Bullard......................... | 15 |
| " " " " Jas. Cashwell................... | 75 |
| " " " " Clerk........................... | 25 |
| " " " " Printing Minutes................ | 85 |
| | $475 |

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## DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION.

The following Brethren were appointed Delegates to the Baptist State Convention to be held at

Viz: W. Ayers, G. Warwick, J. Stone, F. Prevat, J. Thompson, J. B. Thompson, E. Davis, B. Freeman, J. H. Cobb, N. Martin, J. E. Lennon, W. Lennon, A. Powell, J. G. Powel, Haynes Lennon, R. Wooten, J. Monroe, D. B. Ayers, L. Wescoat, D. Stenaland, G. W. Lennon, E. Bozeman, J. W. Woodsides, W. Hollingsworth, D. T. Everit, J. R. Toller, J. T. Honrine, Hugh McAlpin, A. Smith, A. P. Repiton, Joel Reaves, Joel Bennet, M. Mears and R. Fisher.

## DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Baptist denomination have ever maintained that the word of God is the only standard of christian doctrine and duty. The confessions of Faith, which, from time to time, have been put forth by portions of the denominations, have been intended merely as declarations of principles, generally received amongst them, and not as standards of their Faith. To the Bible they have ever appealed, as the only authoritative rule and arbiter, in matters of faith and practice. Fully persuaded of the correctness of these views and at the same time impressed with the importance of having a brief summary of our distinguishing religious sentiment, that our true position may be known and understood, we present the following as a declaration of principles ofthe Cape Fear Baptist Association:

### ON THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

Article 1st. The Holy Scriptures, in the commonly received books of the Old and New Testament are a full and complete revelation from God to man, touching the character and will of the former, and the duties and destinies of the latter, and are therefore to be received as a sufficient, infallible, and authoritative rule in all matters of doctrine and duty of faith and practice. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," 2d Tim., iii. 16, 17. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," Psalms cxix. 105. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them," Isaiah viii. 20. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye so dwell that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts,', 2d Peter i, 19.

### OF GOD.

Article 2d. Sec. 1. There is but one living and true God, the Creator and Preserver of all things, spiritual and incomprehensible in his nature, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, wise, just, true, merciful, unchangeable, glorious in holiness and eternal in existence. "Hear, oh Israel, the Lord out God is one Lord," Deut., vi. 4. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," Gen., i. 1. "God is a spirit," John xv. 24. "For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," Rev., xix. 6. "Whither shall I go from thy spirit, or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" Psalms cxxxix. 7. "Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" How unsearchable are His judgment and His ways past finding out," Rom., xi. 33. "A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he," Deut., xxxii. 4. "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering and abundant in goodness and truth," Exodus xxxiv. 6. "I am the Lord, I change not," Mat. iii. 6. "Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders!" Exodus xv. ii. "Even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God," Psalms xc. 2.

Sec. 2. In this divine and most glorious being there is a Trinity of Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, three persons, but one in essence. "For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one," 1st John v. 7. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," Mat. xxviii. 19. "The grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all," 2d Cor. xiii. 14. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me," John xv. 26.

## OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.

Art. 3d. As the great first cause of all things, God exercises an absolute sovereignty over the universe. He sees the end from the beginning; nothing can transpire contrary to his foreknowledge and foreordination; His decrees and purposes are fixed and immutable, and will be fulfilled in every particular, and He overrules and controls all events to the furtherance of His glory, and the accomplishment of His designs. "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times and things that are not yet done, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure," Isaiah lxvi. "Who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will," Eph. i. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee; the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain," Psalms lxxvi. 16. "Him, being delivered by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain," Acts ii. 23. "For of a truth against the Holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel demined before to be done," Acts iv. 27, 28.

## OF CREATION AND PROVIDENCE.

Art. 4th. Sec. 1. In the beginning God for purpose of his glory, created the world, and all things that are therein, formed man from the dust of the earth, set his image upon him, and placed him in the garden of Eden, in a state of perfect innocence and happiness. "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth," Gen. i. 1. "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him and for him," Col. i. 16. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them," Gen. i. 27. "Lo, this only have I found, that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions," Ecc. vii. 27.

Sec. 2. As God originally created; so by his Providence he sustains and preserves all things, exercises a general and particular care over his creatures both small and great; and, by a special Providence, watches and guides, protects and depends them that are his. "Upholding all things by the word of his power," Heb. i. 3. "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows," Mat. x. 29, 30, 31. "The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord," Prov. xvi. 33. "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain," Psalms cxxvii. 1. "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive," Gen. l. 20. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose," Rom. viii. 28.

## OF THE FALL AND DEPRAVITY OF MAN.

Art. 5th. Sec. 1. By a wilful act of disobedience in the garden of Eden, through the temptation of Satan, our first parents fell from the state of innocence and glory in which they had been created, lost the favor of God, were brought under the curse of the law, and made themselves liable to the penalty of temporal, spiritual, and eternal death. "And the Lord commanded the man saying: of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Gen. ii. 16, 17. "And the man said, the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman: what is this that thou hast done? And the woman said the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat!" Gen. iii. 12, 13.

Sec. 2. In consequence of the original. disobedience of our first parents, all their descendants are born with a corrupt and depraved nature, which leads to sin, and consequently to condemnation and death, and without repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, be forever banished from the presence of God and the glory of his power. "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," Rom. v. 12. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Rom. iii. 23. "Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me," Psalms LI. 5. "There is none that doeth good, no not one," Psalms LIII. 3. The soul that sinneth it shall die," Ezekiel, xviii, 4.

## OF THE WORK OF REDEMPTION.

ART. 6th. Sec. 1. God, in sovereign love, has opened a way through the mediation, sufferings and death of his Son, whereby sin may be pardoned, its condemnation removed, the sinner accepted and the soul redeemed; so that God may be just, and yet justify the sinner that believeth in Jesus; and it is only in accordance with this divine scheme that any can be saved. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life," John iii, 16.—"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons," Gal. iv. 4, 5. "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ," 1 Peter i. 18, 19. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved," Acts iv. 12. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus," 1st Tim. ii. 5.

Sec. 2nd. In accomplishing this mediatorial work, it was necessary that the Divine and the Human nature should be united in the person of the Mediator. In the Messiah this mysterious union took place, and while he was God, he was also man. "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men," Phil. ii. 6, 7. "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth," John i. 14. "For in him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily," Col. ii. 9. "God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of Angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory," 1st Tim. iii. 16.

## OF PREDESTINATION AND EFFECTUAL CALLING.

ART. vii. Sec. 1st. From before the foundation of the world, God, in the sovereignty of his grace and love, chose and predestinated unto eternal life those who in the covenant of redemption were given to his son. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will," Eph. 1. 4, 5. "Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," 2d Tim. i. 9. Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, and to obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ," 1st Peter i. 2. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate, to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the first born among many brethrens," Rom. viii. 29.

Sec. 2nd. Those who have given to Christ in the covenant of redemption, are effectually called by the word and the spirit of God, to a participation in the blessing of the great salvation. "Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called," Rom. viii. 30. Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling," 2d Tim. 1, 9. "That the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth," Rom. ix. 11. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power," Psalms cx. 3.

## OF THE FREENESS OF THE GOSPEL.

Art. vii. The salvation which the Gospel provides is freely offered to the children of men. Its invitations are alike extended to all, and none are excluded from the participation in its benefits, excepting those who wilfully reject our Lord Jesus Christ. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk, without money and without price," Isaiah lv. 1. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasures in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die, oh house of Israel?" Ez. xxxiii. 2. "And the Spirit and Bride say, come. And let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely," Rev. xxii, 17. "And ye will not come to me that ye might have life," John v, 40.

## OF JUSTIFICATION AND ADOPTION.

Art. 9th. Sec. 1. The righteousness of Christ is the ground of our justification. This righteousness embraces his obedience and suffering,—all that he did, and all that he endured; and this, as a whole being received by faith, constitutes the ground on which we are justified. The evidence of justification is furnished by the performance of good works. "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption," 1st Cor. 1, 30. "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness," Jere. xxiii. 6. "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith," Phil. iii. 9. "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness, to every one that believeth," Rom. x, 4. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sins; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him," 2d Cor. v. 21. "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness," Rom. iv. 4, 5.

Sec. 2nd. Those who are justified by the grace of God become his children by adoption, have his name written upon them, are permitted to call him Father, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God. "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ himself," Eph. i. 5. Beloved now are we the sons of God," 1st John iii. 2. "For ye have not received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father," Rom. viii. 15.

## OF REGENERATION.

Art. x. Regeneration is that inward change which the sinner experiences when he passes into a State of grace. It can be effected only by the Spirit of God. It consists in a complete and thorough renewal of all the dispositions and affections of the soul; and without it no sinner can enter into the kingdom of Heaven. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God," John iii. 3. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost," Titus iii. 5.—"Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," 2d Cor. v. 17. "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God," John i. 13.

## ON REPENTANCE.

Art. 11. Repentance unto life is a godly sorrow for sin, wrought in the soul by the Spirit of God, and leading to a change of life, the abandonment of sin and the pursuit of holiness. And this is a duty which God imperatively requires of all mankind. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of," 2d Cor. vii. 10. "They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them; I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble," Jeremiah xxxi. 9. "But they that escape of them, shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity," Ez. vii. 16. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men every where to repent," Acts xvii. 30. "But, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Luke xiii. 3.

## OF FAITH.

Art. 12. Faith is that exercise of the heart (the understanding and the will fully consenting thereto,) by which the sinner joyfully receives the truth as it is in Jesus; and rests upon him for pardon, sanctification, and eternal life. The righteousness of Christ is the foundation of our hopes; by faith we lay hold of that righteousness, and appropriate to ourselves the consolations and promises of the gospel. "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God," Eph. ii. 8. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Rom. x. 4. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness," Rom. x. 10. "Because God hath from the beginning, chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth," Thes. ii. 13. "He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life," John iii. 19.

## OF GOOD WORKS.

Art. 13. White salvation is all of grace, and is apprehended only by faith, good works are also essential to the christian character. Performed in obedience to Gods commandments, and fulfilling his decrees, they are the fruits and the evidences of a living faith. They are necessary, not as constituting the cause of justification, but they prove us so. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them," Eph. ii. 10. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," Titus ii. 14. "This is a faithful saying and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works," Titus iii. 8. "Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew my faith by my works," James ii. 18. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also," James ii. 26. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them," Mat. vii. 10.

### OF SANCTIFICATION.

Art. 14. Those who are united to Christ in the exercise of faith, are being sanctified by the spirit and the word of God. Although still infirm and imperfect, they are advancing in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthening in spiritual graces, and progressing in the practice of that holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth," John xvii. 17. "Because God hath from the beginning, chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth," 2d Thes. ii. 13. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect," Mat. v. 4, 3. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1st Thes. v. 23. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God," 2nd Cor. vii. 1.

### OF FINAL PERSEVERANCE.

Art. 15. Those who are accepted in the Beloved, and have received the remission of their sins through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, shall persevere, by grace, unto eternal life. And if any who have progressed the christian name return to their sins, and perish in them, it is not because they have fallen from grace, but because they never knew that grace in its regenerating and saving power. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ," Phil. i. 6. "Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his," 2nd Tim. ii. 19. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any * pluck them out of my hand," John x. 28. "They went out from us, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us," 1st John ii. 19. "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Rom. viii. 38, 39.

### OF FREE AGENCY.

Art. 16. God is pleased so to exercise his sovereignty that man, notwithstanding the fall and depravity of his nature, whether doing good or working evil, whether accepting or rejecting salvation—acts freely and from choice. And, therefore, those who are finally lost will be alone responsible for the consequences of their guilt; and those who are saved, while they freely choose the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, will ascribe the choice of it, as well as the redemption itself, all to sovereign grace. "Choose you this day whom you will serve," Joshua xxiv. 15. "For why will ye die, oh house of Israel?"

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* In many of our English Bibles we have read "any man"—and in some other Bibles the word "man" is not even italicised. Let it be borne in mind that this word is not the original, and that it, therefore, should not have been introduced into the transaction.

Ez. xviii. 31. "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life," John v. 40. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure," Phil. ii. 12. 13.

## OF THE CHURCH.

ART. 17. The word Church, as used in the New Testament, properly speaking, has but two meanings, viz:

Sec. 1st. The church universal—comprising the whole body of believers, who have been, or shall be gathered into the fold of Christ. "To the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in heaven," Heb. xii. 23. "Even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it," Eph. v. 27.

Sec. 2nd. The church in a particular sense—comprising an assembly or congregation of believers, united together in christian fellowship, and meeting from time to time for the worship of God. Each church is an independent body. Owning Christ alone as its Head and Lawgiver, it bows only to His dictates; and utterly rejects the assumed spiritual authority of all bodies or classes of men, whether civil or ecclesiastical. "Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus," 1st Cor. i. 2. "Likewise greet the church that is in their house," Rom. xvi. 5. "Unto the angel of the Church in Smyrna write," Rev. ii. 8. "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria," Acts ix. 31. "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican," Matt. xviii. 18. "Then pleased it the Apostles and Elders, with the whole church to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch," Acts xv. 22. "Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem, and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch," Acts xi. 22.

## OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

ART. 18. In the church of Jesus Christ there are two classes of officers, viz: Ministers and Deacons.

Sec. 1st. Ministers are that class of officers called of God, and sit apart by the church, to the work of the Ministry—the preaching of the everlasting gospel. They are indiscriminately called Bishops and Elders, from their oversight of the churches of Christ. In this office there are no higher or lower grades; but all occupy a fraternal equality, and no one is superior to his brethren in power and authority. "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation," 2nd Cor. v. 18. "And he gave some apostles; some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ," Eph. iv. 11. "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, oh! Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night," Is. lxii. 6. "For they watch for your souls, as they that must give account," Heb. xiii. 17. "And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church, and when they were come to him, he said unto them, take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,* to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood", Acts xx. 17, 28. "Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise Lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister: and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all," Mark x. 42, 44. "For one is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren," Matthew xxiii. 8.

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* The word which is here rendered "overseers," is in the original Episkopous, Bishops or Pastors. In the passage above quoted, the Episcopos, Bishop, is identified with the Presbuteros, Elder; they mean the same thing. A Bishop is the pastor of a christian church.

Sec. 2d. Deacons are that class of officers, who are charged with the management of the secular concerns of the church. It is their special duty to see that their poor are attended to, that their pastors are supported, and that arrangements are made for the proper administration of the ordinances, and the comfortable and orderly maintenance of worship. "Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them and said: it is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to ministry of the word," Acts vi. 2, 4. "They that have used the office of deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus," 1st Timothy iii. 13.

## OF BAPTISM.

Art. 19. Sec. 1st. Baptism is the rite of divine appointment by which believers are initiated into the christian church. It is the profession of discipleship, the declaration of faith; and those only are proper subjects of baptism who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. "He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved," Mark xvi. 16. And the Eunuch said, see, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptised? And Philip said: If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest," Acts viii. 36, 37. "Then they that gladly received his words were baptized," Acts ii. 41. "But when they believed, Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women," Acts viii. 12. "And many of the Corinthians hearing, believed and were baptised," Acts xviii. 8. "The like figure, whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God," 1st Peter iii. 21.

Sec. 2nd. The only mode of Baptism is *immersion in water*. "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptised of him in Jordan, confessing their sins," Matthew iii. ,5 6. "And Jesus when he baptised, went up straightway out of the water," Mat. iii. 16. "And they went down into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptised him. And when they were come up out of the water, the spirit of God caught away Philip," Acts viii. 38, 39. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection," Rom. vi. 4, 5. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead," Col. ii. 12.

## OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Art. 20. The Lord's supper is an ordinance commemorative of the love, the sufferings, and the death of our Divine Redemer. The elements in this ordinance are bread and wine—symbolical of the broken body, and the shed blood of the Son of God. Inasmuch as it is a church ordinance, and baptism is the pre-requisite to church membership, those only should be admitted to the communion table who have been baptised upon a profession of faith. Hence the propriety of restricted communion. "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples and said, take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins," Matt. xxvii. 26, 28. "This do in remembrance of me," 1st Cor. xi. 24. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come," 1st Cor. xi. 26.

## OF THE RESURRECTION AND JUDGMENT.

Art. 21. Sec. 1st. When the purposes of God are accomplished in the present world, and immediately before the final judgment, there shall be a resurrection of all the dead. "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing ye that sleep in dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs; and the earth shall cast out the dead," Isaiah xxvi. 17. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt," Danl. xii. 2. "For the hour is coming in which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation," John v. 28, 29. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept, 1st Cor. xv. 20. "And have hope towards God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust," Acts xxiv. 15. "For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed," 1st Cor. xv, 52. "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body," 1st Cor. xv. 44.

Sec. 2nd. Immediately after the resurrection, the final judgment of all mankind shall take place. Jesus Christ will be the Judge. Before Him all nations shall be assembled; and He will judge them, every man according to the deeds done in the body. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," Heb. ix. 27. "Because he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained," Acts xviii. 31. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory ! and before him shall be gathered all nations," Mat. xxv. 31. 32. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which was the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works," Rev. xx. 12. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil," Ecc. xii. 14.

## OF THE FUTURE CONDITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND OF THE WICKED.

Art. 22. Sec. 1st. After the decisions of the last day, the righteous shall be elevated to a state of perfect and eternal blessedness. They shall dwell in the immediate presence of God—exempt from all sin, sorrow, and infirmity; and in the tranquil enjoyment of glory, honor, and immortality. "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," John xiv. 2, 3. "Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," Mat. xxv. 34. "For so an entrance shall be administered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," 2d Peter i. 11. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory," Col. iii. 4. "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heart. For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters ; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes," Rev. vii. 16, 17.

Sec. 2nd. The wicked shall be forever banished from the presence of God; and consigned to an abode of deep perdition, and of endless torment. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand: Depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels," Matthew xxv. 41. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment," Mat. xxv. 46. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God," Psalms ix. 27. "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power," 2d Thess. i. 9. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death," Rev. xxi. 8. "And whoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire," Rev. xx. 15.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the confession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetrate an union and communion amongst us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union:—We, therefore, propose to keep the orders and rules of our Association, according to the following plan, or form of Government:

Article 1st. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to a seat.

Art. 2nd. In the letters from the different churches, shall be expressed, their numbers in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association.

Art. 3d. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage; nor shall they have any classical power over the churches; nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

Art. 4th. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5th. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6th. New churches may be admitted into the union, who shall petition by letter and delegates; and upon examination, (if found orthodox and orderly,) shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the Delegate the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7th. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only two members from each Church.

Art. 8th. Every query presented by any member in the Association, shall be twice read; and before it be debated, the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, and be deliberated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9th. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10th. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting that purpose, shall be at the discretion of the future Associations.

Art. 11th. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting, of which we think it the duty of each Church in the Union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their Delegates, to the Association; and those moneys thus contributed by the Churches and received by the Association, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received, and paid out, according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12th. The minutes of the Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13th. The minutes of the Association shall be read, (and corrected if need be,) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14th. Amendments to this plan or form of government, may be made at any time, by a majority of the Union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15th. The Association shall have power 1st. To provide for the general Union of Churches. 2nd. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication amongst the Churches. 3rd. To give the Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4th. To inquire into the cause why the Churches fail to represent themselves at any time, in the Association. 5th. To appropriate those moneys by the Churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper. 6th. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business they may see proper. 7th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in this Union, which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of Religion. 8th. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry, as assistants, and who may be present at the time of their setting, whom they shall judge necessary. 9th. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches in the Union.

JOB GOODMAN, *Moderator.* JAMES McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

## RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1st, The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2nd. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 3rd. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

Art. 5th. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, feelings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey light or ideas.

Art. 7th. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.

Art. 7th. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8th. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other terms or appellations but the title of Brother.

Art. 10th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, or prohibit him from speaking, till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this Decorum.

Art. 11th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12th The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall have no vote himself, unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13th. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

JOB GOODMAN, *Moderator.* JAMES McDANIEL, *Clerk.*

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTIETH SESSION

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD AT THE

SPRING BRANCH CHURCH, HORRY DISTRICT, S. C.,

*Nov. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th,* 1854.

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# MINUTES.

Thursday, *November* 2d, 1854.

The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder George W. Hill, from 5th of Genesis, and 24th verse.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the Divine direction invoked by Brother Cashwell.

A majority of churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brothers J. A. Rozier, G. W. Hill, and F. Lennon, as a Committee of Finance.

Appointed Brother J. C. Powell, Assistant Clerk.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats with us, when Brothers Perkinson and Pritchard presented themselves.

After the reading of letters, and recording the names of Delegates, the officers were elected, viz: Haynes Lennon, Moderator; Robt. M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer, and James C. Powell, Assistant Clerk.

Adjourned to Friday Morning at 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Brother Prevatt.

Friday Morning, 9½ o'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Reading the Scriptures and singing by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother Conelly.

A Committee of Vigilance was appointed, consisting of Brothers John Granger, John Monroe, and Bright Williams.

A committee was appointed to supply the stage, during the session of the Association, consisting of Brethren A. F. Powell, J. A. Rozier, M. Meares, and the Deacons of the Spring Branch Church.

An opportunity was afforded newly constituted churches to present themselves for admission, when the Raft Swamp and Shady Grove churches presented themselves and were received.

The Little River Church applying for admission, an objection was made on account of supposed disorder; the matter was referred to a committee consisting of elders A. Paul Repiton, L. C. Perkinson, and Brothers M. Meares, B. Williams, and R. M. McRackan.

An invitation was extended to sister associations, when Brethren Charles Reaves, George Reaves, and Elder J. D. Coleman, from the Welsh Neck Association, presented themselves, and were invited to seats with us.

A letter of correspondence was read from the Pee Dee Association, which was received with christian warmth.

James C. Powell was appointed to write a letter of correspondence to the Union, A. Paul Repiton to the Welsh Neck, and P. C. Conelly to the Pee Dee, Associations.

A. Paul Repiton, L. C. Perkinson, and P. C. Conelly were appointed a committee to examine candidates for ordination.

The committee appointed to visit Mt. Carmel church reported; report received.

William Ayers and Bright Williams were appointed a committee to select subjects for the next Association.

It was determined at the next session of the Association to have a sermon on Regeneration, by Brother A. Paul Repiton.

Directed that 2,000 copies of the Minutes be printed at the Biblical Recorder office.

*Resolved*, That the churches within the bounds of this Association be requested, in making out their statistical account, to specify the number of white males and white females—the black as a whole, and total membership.

The next session of the Association to be held with the Big Branch Church, Robeson county, North Carolina, on Thursday, 10½ o'clock, before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1855, and that brother J. H. Cobb preach the introductory sermon, and G. W. Lennon be the alternate.

Brother Conelly to preach at 12 o'clock on Sabbath, at the next Association.

Brother W. D. Martin, from the Welsh Neck, and J. M. Marshal, from the Union Associations, were invited to seats with us.

*Query?*

What steps should be taken with a brother who has been regularly dismissed from a church, who holds said letter some months—has been guilty of no unchristian conduct that the church is apprised of—returns said letter to the church in conference assembled, without a desire to be received back into the fellowship of the church; but says he has no use for the letter, and the church can do as they please with it and him?

*Answer.*

Such conduct savors not of the spirit of Christ; but is indicative of a backslider in heart, and should be prayed for and admonished by his church; if such means fail to reclaim him, he should be disciplined.

Appointed R. M. McRackan and H. Lennon to prepare a report on Indian Missions.

Association adjourned to make way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board, to 9½ o'clock, Saturday morning.

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Saturday Morning, 9½ o'clock.

Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother John Monroe.

The committee in regard to the Little River Church, reported favorably. Report received.

Report on Ministerial Education received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered. Upon the reception of this report, addresses were delivered by brothers Repiton, Pritchard, and Dayton.

A scholarship was then raised, by the following persons subscribing each twenty-five dollars, viz:

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| 1. A. P. Repiton, - - - - | $25 00 |
| 2. J. W. Smith, - - - - | 25 00 |
| 3. H. Lennon, - - - - | 25 00 |

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| 4. | F. Prevat, | $25 00 |
| 5. | A. Smith, | 25 00 |
| 6. | R. Wooten, | 25 00 |
| 7. | A. F. Powell. | 25 00 |
| 8. | G. W. Lennon, | 25 00 |
| 9. | W. Ayers, | 25 00 |
| 10. | J. A. Rozier, | 25 00 |
| 11. | J. B. Thompson, | 25 00 |
| 12. | Jos. Thompson, | 25 00 |
| 13. | Bright Williams, | 25 00 |
| 14. | T. S. Memory, | 25 00 |
| 15. | J. Harrelson, | 25 00 |
| 16. | W. Frink, | 25 00 |
| 17. | D. F. Williamson, | 25 00 |
| 18. | S. B. Stanaland, | 25 00 |
| 19. | Daniel A. Buie, | 25 00 |
| 20. | R. M. McRackan, | 25 00 |

J. W. Smith and H. Lennon paid T. H. Pritchard.

Report on Foreign Missions received, and its appendage ordered.

Report on the Bible cause received, and its appendage ordered. At which time brother Dayton, of Tennessee, laid before the Association the claims of the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Brother Dayton offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the success of the labors of the North Carolina Baptist Bible and Southern Publication Society; and that we heartily approve of their action at their last annual meeting in making themselves auxiliary to the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and we will earnestly endeavor to advance the great objects of that board, in distributing the word of life at home and in foreign lands.

*Resolved*, That our ministers in this Association be heartily requested to preach a sermon on the importance of giving the Word of God to those who are perishing for lack of knowledge, and take up a collection for the use of the above named Board.

Report on Indian Missions was read before the Association, which was received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

Report on Sabbath Schools received, and ordered to be appended to minutes.

Report on Temperance received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

Report on Ministerial Examination received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

The letters of correspondence to the Union and Welsh Neck Associations being unprepared, time was allowed, with instructions to lay them before the Moderator and Clerk.

The Committee to select subjects, and appoint Committees to write on them for the next Association, report as follows:

*On Ministerial Education*, P. C. Conelly & J. H. Cobb.
" *Foreign Missions*, A. P. Repiton & S. Spooner.
" *Bible Societies*, D. B. Ayers & Jacob Thompson.
" *Sabbath Schools*, James A. Rozier.
" *Publication Societies*, Benjamin Freeman.
" *B. State Convention*, H. Lennon & R. Wooten.
" *Temperance*, R. M. McRackan & W. Frink.
" *Colportage*, F. Lennon & J. C. Powell.
" *Wake Forest College*, E. Davis & H. H. Ellis.
" *The Southern Baptist Convention and its objects*, H. Lennon & G. W. Hill.

The clerk to receive twenty dollars for his services.

The Committee of Finance reported as having received $77,87½, which, after paying for the preparing and printing of the minutes, to be appropriated to the Domestic Mission Board.

Ordered that the funds taken up to-morrow, (Sabbath) be paid to the Treasurer of the Domestic Mission Board.

Resolution by A. Paul Repiton, concerning Wake Forest College, was adopted as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Pastors, Ministers and Delegates, within the bounds of this Association, be requested to lay the subject of a Scholarship in Wake Forest College, before the churches composing this body, and ascertain their views in regard to the raising a Scholarship, by pledging the churches in a sum to be paid in one or two annual contributions for this purpose.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the neighborhood for their hospitable entertainment.

Agreed that the Association give place to the Domestic Mission Board.

Association came into session.

The Association suspended business for the purpose of giving the Bible Society an opportunity of meeting.

Association resumed business.

*Resolved*, That the Association will not consider itself as adjourned, until the services of to-morrow are concluded, and that they be closed by singing the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," with the benediction of the Moderator.

WHEREAS, Conflicting claims have arisen among the delegates from the Cape Fear church, as to the right of a seat in the Association, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That their claims be referred to their church for adjustment.

*Query?*

Is it right for the Association to receive a church when she petitions for admission in this Association, when there is disorder in the said church? The query was referred to a Committee who returned an answer, which will be found in report.

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SABBATH, *Nov. 5th.*

At the appointed hour, service was commenced by Elder A. PAUL REPITON, who delivered a discourse on Justification, from Romans, v c: 1 v. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Elder H. LENNON followed by preaching from Hebrews, xi chap. 39-40 verses. "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

Elder A. C. DAYTON, (in the afternoon) discoursed to us from first Peter, 1st chap. 11th verse. "The sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

After which, (in the language of brother Pritchard) "the worthy Moderator made a few affecting remarks; and while the large congregation of brethren sang "Blest be the tie that binds," we all engaged in that old fashioned soul melting custom of shaking hands, and while our hearts were full of love for each other and praise to God, we all, like Paul and his brethren parting at the sea side, knelt down and asked God's blessing upon each other, till we should meet again."

HAYNES LENNON, *Moderator*,

Robt. M. McRackan, *Clerk*.

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT ON THE LITTLE RIVER CHURCH.

*To the Moderator and Delegates*
*composing the Cape Fear Baptist Association:*

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee to whom was referred the application for membership from Little River Church; and the query from the Beulah Church, have had the same under consideration, and would beg leave to report: That as the members of Little River Church, were in the possession of regular letters of dismission, the evidence recognised by us in such cases made and provided; and upon their faith were regularly organized a Baptist Church of Christ, by Ministers esteemed and approved by this body; and as they have endorsed our articles of faith, and profess to be Missionary Baptists, we are bound, according to usage, and from courtesy, to receive said Church into our Association.

In the next place, your Committee would state, in regard to the query submitted, that they are of the opinion, that any Church, or members of a Church, who are cognizant of unchristain conduct on the part of a member, or members of a sister Church, have a right to inform that Church, and should do so, of such conduct, and leave the Church of such disaffected member or members to discipline said members against whom the complaint is made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. PAUL REPITON, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON THE MT. CARMEL CHURCH.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Mt. Carmel Church have performed that duty, and report as follows: That the said Church was constituted of members from the Mt. Pisgah and Shallott Church; that she never received any increase of members while she remained a Church, and that in July, 1850, she was dissolved, by the unanimous vote of the Church, and the members took letters to the Churches from whence they came.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM MATHEWS, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—The command of our Lord Jesus Christ was, when upon the earth, to go into all the world, and proclaim his Gospel to every creature. But we would ask how is this gracious commission to be executed, according to the letter and spirit of his word? We answer, that, as the Almighty is pleased to carry out his designs by human instrumentality in part, at least, it is our duty to adapt ourselves as nearly as possible to His high designs concerning our fellow-men. While the cry of the poor heathen is reaching us continually, is it not time that we who live in a Gospel land should exert ourselves to the utmost, in extending the priviliges we enjoy, to the benighted nations of the earth; that they may enjoy the peace which we are possessed of? And we think that the course of the Domestic Mission Board, will ere long be productive of good in that of Foreign Missions. But brethren, inasmuch as one soul is of incalculable value; and no doubt there are hundreds perishing daily for lack of knowledge; is it not our indispensable duty to aid by every possible means, to extend our Missionary operations, confidently expecting, that as light and knowledge is diffused in our own land, a return will be made large enough to make our offering the more effectual? We believe that it will; and that we shall be enabled also to contribute to the Baptist State Convention, that their designs of good will also be furthered.

Repectfully submitted,
FURNEY PREVATT, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry, have had Brother John Harrelson before them, and having heard him relate his christian experience, his call to the Ministry; and having examined him upon the cardinal points of the Gospel; and being satisfied that he is a changed or regenerated man; that he has been seriously impressed with a sense that it is his duty to preach; and finding him sound upon the above cardinal points, would recommend him to ordination, upon the condition, that he study as far as possible to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Respectfully submitted,
A. PAUL REPITON, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Indian Missions beg leave to report: That they esteem the Indian Mission cause, one of deep and stirring interest—that it commends itself to the attention and sympathies of the patriot and the christian, and has claims on the confidence, prayers and contributions of the whole Anglo-American people.

In view of the facts, that there are said to be 20,000,000 of the aboriginees in North and South America, of which several millions are in the United States and its Territories, and upwards of 100,000 in the Indian Territory immediately on our western border; that they all have souls as precious as those of foreign heathens, and which must be saved or lost eternally; that they know not God; are without hope for the next world or comfort in this; that through missionary and governmental efforts in our own country—blest of the Lord, six tribes, including some 60,000 Indians, are denominated civilized—give unequivocal evidence of their claims to be so considered, and many of them are our christian brethren; that several other tribes are greatly improved; that many are yet without teachers, missionaries, or the word of life, and are asking—begging for all these, but cannot be furnished for want of means; that they are, in the providence of God, thrown in almost immediate contact, and in some instances, mixing with our own population—are consequently part and parcel of the home mission interest; that while we possess and are comfortable in their father-land—the homes and graves of their ancestors, they are driven into exile in the wilderness, where they are consumed by drunkenness and want, surrounded by destitution and immersed in calamities! the principal and worst part of which evils has been the work of a degraded class of white men, who were governed by principles from a worse world than ours: we say, in view of these, and many other facts of which we have not time to speak, we are greatly astonished that we have been so much asleep to, and have not felt a deeper interest in their condition, and that they have been so often forgotten in our sympathies, preaching, prayers and alms. Therefore—

*Resolved*, 1. That the Indian Missson cause is entitled, and we commend it to the attention, sympathies, prayers and contributions of the patriot, the benevolent, and the christian of our country.

2. That we recommend to the churches, ministers, and friends, to adopt some systematic plan of co-operating with or assisting those noble and self-sacrificing spirits who are devotedly engaged, and often suffering for the common necessaries of life, in the cause of *Indian civilization and evangelization*—that they, once in each year, present the subject before their congregations, take up collections and receive contributions, in order to help forward this glorious cause.

3. That we cordially recommend Elder G. F. H. Crockett, M. D., of the American Indian Mission Association, agent for this and other States, to the confidence and favor of the churches, and the hospitality of the brethren and friends in our region.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. M. McRACKAN.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS AND PUBLICATION SOCIETIES.

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on Sabbath Schools and Publication Societies beg leave to submit the following:

Inasmuch as we have not seen the statistics of either for the past year, we cannot report further, than so far as we know they are in a prosperous condition. As for Sabbath Schools, there is no society in which we, as a denomination, should engage in more heartily. It carries such a hallowed influence over the rising generation, gladdening the hearts of parents, in the happy conversion of their children to a true and living Redeemer, while increasing facilities for carrying on such a good work are daily growing. The North Carolina Baptist Bible and Publication Societies in almost every Association in the State, have appointed suitable colporteurs, whose business it is to visit every family, carrying with them the words of eternal life, religious books and tracts, &c. With the hearty co-operation of the brethren and heads of families, we might have flourishing Sabbath Schools in every church, bringing light, and knowledge, and morality to the children, eventuating in large and attentive congregations bound together in peace and unity. None are too wise to learn, or too illiterate to be taught in a Sabbath School. Brethren, look at the advantages that the opposers of good are gaining over us by our indifference. Shall we for modesty's sake sit still and see our goodly land possessed by errorists of every sort? Let us betake ourselves to the weapons of our warfare, let us fill every house with Bibles, Bible literature and Bible knowledge, and glory and honor will be given where it is most justly due.

Respectfully submitted,
DARIUS B. AYERS, *Cha'n.*

## REPORT ON THE ITINERACY.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Itineracy in the Cape Fear Association, report: That we have consulted the following brethren, and they have agreed to give a portion of their time to the Itineracy, viz: Elders Conelly, Hill, and Prevat.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES C. POWELL, *Cha'n.*

## REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Dear Brethren:—We have examined the report of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and find that during the year commencing May 1853, and ending May 1854, they report that 15,350 copies of the word of God have been granted from the depository, and over 51,000 Bibles have been issued; more than 100,000 copies of the Scriptures have been circulated in foreign tongues. This is a great work, yet much more remains to be done; for until we read the Sacred Scriptures we are ignorant of the dreadful consequences of sinning against God, and the means he has graciously provided for our salvation. Let us then go to work heart and hand in this good cause, until not only every house, but every reader shall be furnished with the words of sacred truth. Then shall the heathen cast their Idols to the moles and the bats; our Missionaries will then travel unmolested, carrying the glad tidings of salvation, and all nations will be bowing to the Standard of Immanuel. The promises of our God will be fulfilled when

> "His blessings shall extend,
> His saving grace appear;
> And all to earth's remotest end,
> The Lord our Saviour fear."

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL DUSENBERRY, *Ch'n.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, report as follows: That if it was not for the importance the subject demands of us, we should after so much has been said and written by the ablest men of our country, almost shrink from the task, but knowing as we do, that much, yea, very much yet remains to be done, before the monster intemperance is entirely driven from our land, and that if our feeble efforts in the cause can be of any benefit to our fellow man, we feel willing to contribute all we can to advance the good cause of temperance, and to do this, your Committee are of opinion, that no more effectual means can be adopted, than, that our Brethren collectively, come to the determination to abstain entirely from all that will intoxicate. For the sake of humanity, for the sake of the example to the rising generation, we feel it to be an indispensable duty resting on every Christian, strictly to adhere to this principle, for our candid impression is, that if the professed Christians of all denominations would pursue this course, that it would take but a little time to have a sober world.

We will not consume your time in *trying* to enumerate the the evils of *intemperance*, believing that it will take the whole of vast eternity to do that. We would however, make a few suggestions in a pecuniary as well as religious point of view. Suppose the members of our denomination throughout North Carolina, were to abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating drinks, and whenever each one thought that he must have his usual quantity of liquors, enquire what that would cost, and instead of making the purchase, lay by the amount and at the end of the year, send up to the Baptist State Convention, what might thus be saved from time to time, how long, Brethren, would it be before we could endow Wake Forest College, educate and send out young ministers to all the destitute in every portion of our beloved State.

But, perhaps some will say, "I cannot be thus deprived of my liberties." Your Committee are of opinion, that no such liberty belongs to any man, for all are fully aware of the bad influence drinking has on the community, and no man has a right to do that which he *knows* is of a demoralizing character.

What our Great Creator has given us in this world, He has given us, that we should use it to His glory, and we ask, what right have we to abuse the means He has put in our power of doing good?

We are told to "touch not, taste not, handle not, that which perisheth with the using," and again we would remind those who claim for themselves such great liberties, that the Scripture hath said: "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." Then, if we are not our own, how dare we pervert the use of God's blessings by such unholy practice?

In closing this report, your Committee would recommend to families generally, throughout the bounds of our Association, to take the "Spirit of the Age," a temperance paper published in the City of Raleigh, by A. M. Gorman, Esq., at the remarkably low price of one dollar a year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD WOOTEN, *Chairman.*

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The perpetuity of the christian ministry as a distinct class or order of men, who are especially required to devote all their energies, talents and time, to the work of preaching the Gospel, is as clearly the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, as that it is their duty to pray or to repent of sin. Their duties in every particular, and their qualifications in general, as also their identity with the Kingdom of Christ, are specifically laid down in the New Testament. 1. They are called of God, "No man taketh this honor to himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." "As my Father hath sent me, even so send Iyou." Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." 2. They are to relinquish all secular pursuits. "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all." 3. Their temporal support is to be contributed by those who are taught in the word. "So hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing that we shall reap your carnal things?" 4 Their subjective relation to the churches is of special appointment. "I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man, for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." "Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus, before the world began; but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel; whereunto I am appointed a Preacher, and an Apostle and a Teacher of the Gentiles." 5 Their objective appointment is the sanction of a Presbytery. "Thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain Elders in every city as I had appointed thee. When they had ordained them Elders in every church, and had prayed, with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." 6 Their relations to the churches are official—they are teachers. "God hath set some in the church; first, Apostles; secondly, Prophets; thirdly, Teachers; after that, miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, divinities of tongues. He gave some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, and some Pastors and Teachers, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." They are also made rulers or overseers. "Let the Elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine. Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as they that must give account." Thus the official and appointed relationships which exist between the churches and the ministry, are conclusively settled upon such fundamental principles, as must underlie all correct views of the office and work of the ministry, and of the qualifications necessary to those who would enter it.

This dispensation, the inspired Paul committed only "to faithful men, who were able to teach others also." Such were his conscientious Scruples about the self-sufficiency and vanity of men for office, that he most solemnly protests againtt elevating to the office of Bishop, any who could not produce testimonials of unblemished moral character, and mental qualifications for such a holy calling. "Let them be tried; not a novice; not given to wine; not covetous; but sober, of good behaviour; given to hospitality; apt to teach; ruling well his own house, having his children in subjection."

With these facts before us, the minister of Christ is placed in a most solemn and responsible position before the church and the world; the former to be defended and sustained; the latter to be subdued and overcome, that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Who is sufficient for these things? Doubtless every minister present feels his inadequacy, and exclaims with good Jeremiah, "I am a child!" yet, with Nehemiah, feels that he "is doing a great work and cannot come down." But in connection with their labors, they feel greatly the want of a better education. As they have learned so they communicate, and if defective, must be laden with error, defeating its own end however good.

There are no external aids or influences that will compensate ignorance or imbecility. We do not mean that he is not fitted for his work and aided in it by the Holy Spirit: but that the Holy Spirit never so fits and aids a man as to dispense with the exercise of his own faculties and affections, nor does it communicate directly any knowledge to the mind. The Holy Spirit never teaches the art of pronunciation, nor the definition of words. Knowledge must be acquired by the minister of the gospel through the same methods as by the ungodly. The theologian must learn by the same processes as the philosopher. No man in the ministry more than elsewhere can exercise any powers which he does not naturally possess, nor communicate anything which he has not by ordinary processes learned. Yet, we are aware there seems to be an impression on many minds that a minister may expect some sort of supernatural aid in acquiring or communicating truth, which it would be presumption in an orator or lecturer to expect. That in reliance upon this kind of aid he may somewhat modify, if not dispense with preparatory studies or mental labor. The Spirit of God does not so operate. That He aids, enlightens, even suggests, is all true, but he does this in the line of his own mental and spiritual activities, not without them. The man who without study or thought, tells us that he casts himself directly upon the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and means to utter only that which is supernaturally communicated to him, is likely to express such thoughts, in such forms, as would degrade even an ordinarily intelligent mind, and such as are characteristic not of divine wisdom, but of his own unmistakable ignorance, presumption and folly. It is an insult to the Holy Spirit to attribute the emptiness of an ignorant or indolent mind to His inspirations, or to make His promised aids an excuse for leaving the mind unfurnished and inactive. The cultivation of this mind is what we are seeking—its preparation and adaptedness to the work of the gospel ministry, so as rightly to "divide the word of truth," and "shew itself approved unto God." Such is the character of MIND that it may be made to explore the celestial regions, fathom the mysteries of Providence, and develope the resources of the natural world. What are the mighty steamers that play upon the ocean's bosom—the engines on the railway—the magnetic telegraph extending across our mighty land, but the concentrated energies of mind reduced to practical purposes! But in religion a variety of circumstances may concur to repress the active tendencies of the mind; but let the gospel obtain admission into it, and from that moment the most torpid specimen of humanity is quickened into a new mental as well as moral life. Even the mind which was previously alive and vigorous, becoms conscious of a new impulse to activity, and a new sphere in which to spend it. The Bible becomes his law, and the Holy Spirit his interpreter. It at once creates light and courts it. Not only does it extol knowledge as a glory, but commands us to seek it as a most sacred duty. But if christianity thus awakens the mental and moral activity of man, and if the education we advocate consists in sustaining that activity and directing it aright, the desirableness of such education is no longer a doubtful question; settled, by no arbitration of ours, but by the predeterminate consent of HIM who gave to our mental constitution its activity, and to the Bible the power of arousing that activity. Unless, therefore, we do violence to the mind, education to some extent becomes a religious necessity. And if education be thus desirable for every inquiring christian mind, how much more important must it be for the man of God, whose commission is "to testify the gospel of the grace of God" and "to show unto men the way of salvation!" No angel ever came from heaven on so mighty an errand as theirs, but His ambassadors are sent to open the eyes of a guilty world, turn them from darkness to light, "and the power of Satan unto God," "that they might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith in Christ." Their aim is nothing less than to rescue guilty and depraved, yet immortal beings, from the lowest hell, and conduct them to the heaven of heavens; to transform them from the resemblance of the devil, into the image of the invisible God. And when all the labors of other professors will be annihilated; when the finest paintings, the sublimest statues, the most durable monuments, the pyramids of Egypt; when the immortal works (so are they called) of philosophers, legislators, historians, poets; shall be consumed, and the earth and all that is therein shall be burnt up, the effects of their tears, and studies, and visiting, and praying; and preaching, shall remain.

In conclusion, what is the condition of our churches? How long must they remain in their present destitution? Will they not pray that more laborers be sent into the vineyard? And when the Lord shall send them in, shall they be permitted to follow the secular business of life, or occupy the vineyard until the Lord shall come? With an improving age—an onward march of intellect—shall the ministry be in the rear, or compelled to take lessons from the pure? We are persuaded that the day is at hand that will possess every minister in our Association with a good English education, and would suggest that some plan be devised by this body, to effect such object.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HAYNES LENNON, *Chm'n.*

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### THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD, REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

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| Ashe Pole, | $13 50 | White Lake, | 15 00 |
| Big Branch, | 10 00 | Bethel, | 15 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | 10 20 | Beulah, | 5 00 |
| Back Swamp, | 15 25 | Cheerful Hope, | 15 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | 5 00 | Mount Pisgah, | 10 00 |
| Providence, | 12 00 | Mill Creek, | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 5 00 | New Britain, | 8 00 |
| Beaver Dam, Columbus, | 5 00 | Shallot, | 5 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | 3 00 | Union, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 15 00 | Friendship, | 3 50 |
| Macedonia, | 5 00 | Cape Fear, | 11 87 |
| Iron Hill Cross Roads, | 5 00 | Cedar Creek, | 10 00 |
| Mount Moriah, | 10 56 | Concord, | 5 00 |
| Mount Tabor, | 5 00 | Piney Grove, | 10 00 |
| Mount Zion, | 5 00 | Bear Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 11 00 | Honey Camp, | 10 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 6 75 | Macedonia, S. C., | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 5 00 | Buck Creek, | 5 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | 5 60 | United Church, | 5 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | 5 00 | Simpson's Creek, | 5 00 |
| White Marsh, | 5 00 | Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| Western Prong, | 12 50 | Spring Field, | 5 00 |
| Beaver Dam, Bladen, | 9 13 | Orange St., Wilmington, | 10 00 |
| Brier Branch, | 5 00 | Shady Grove, | 12 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | 10 15 | Raft Swamp, | 5 00 |

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| A. Powell, | 5 00 | W. Hollingsworlh, | 1 00 |
| S. Dusenbury, | 5 00 | A Friend, | 50 |
| Paradise, | 4 55 | Antioch, | 15 00 |
| J. Curry, | 1 00 | Lumberton, | 10 15 |
| Miss Dudley, | 25 | | |
| J. A. Robinson, | 5 00 | | $468 46 |

Respectfully submitted.

FURNEY PREVALL, *Chairman*

## MISSIONARIES' REPORTS.

### ELDER G. W. HILL'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—In compliance with your appointment, I entered the field of labor assigned me as an Itinerant on the 16th of March last. Since which, I have devoted nearly the whole of my time to the service of the Board, only allowing myself time sufficient for rest. I have visited the Churches and stations given me, monthly, and have been kindly and hospitably received. Some of the Churches were found in a cold condition, being destitute of regular preaching. The congregations, with some few exceptions, have been as large as could be reasonably expected, and as I progressed in my labors, the prospects appeared gradually to brighten, offering sufficient encouragement for the continuation and zealous perseverance in the field. I have spent 138 days in the service of the Board, preached 154 sermons, and have received from Churches and individuals, $42.36; and baptised 27 persons.

Brethren: Permit me in conclusion to say, from observations made, and the little experience had, I am more than ever convinced of the importance and necessity of the Domestic Mission Cause, and if we can only be able to keep a self denying, zealous and efficient ministry in the field, having the cause of Christ at heart, by the help of God, we may be able to accomplish the work in which we are engaged.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL.

### ELDER JAMES CASHWELL'S REPORT.

Dear brethren, in accordance with duty, I report to you my missionary labors. They were commenced in March, and continued until October. In the first part of the year prospects seemed to be gloomy; but towards the close appearances were very different, and I rejoice to say, that some precious seasons have been enjoyed, while witnessing the comfort of christians, and sinners grieving over past folly. I have rode in all, including rest time, 153 days, preached 137 sermons, baptized 37 persons, received from churches $15.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES CASHWELL.

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### ELDER P. C. CONOLY'S REPORT.

*To the brethren composing the Cape Fear Association:*

Dear brethren, in the good providence of the Almighty, I have been enabled, to some extent, to cultivate the field of labor you assigned me at your last session. The weather was exceedingly rainy in the winter, and oppressively warm in the summer; and, consequently, I had difficulties of no small magnitude to contend with. But worst of all, I found the churches among which I had to labor, generally in a very cold state. I am happy, however, to inform you, such was not their condition at the expiration of my term of service. The Holy Spirit, in rich profusion, has poured forth the showers of sovereign grace, and many have been enabled to rejoice in God their Saviour, and look forward to their inheritance beyond the grave, with feelings of inexpressible delight.

If I mistake not, including rest days, I have rendered 240 days service for the Association. Baptized 32. My traveling expenses have been $3 66. Received from Churches $70 28. A part of the time I laboured night and day.

Respectfully submitted.

P. C. CONOLY.

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## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION

*In the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

*Antioch.*—Is in peace and union, and has enjoyed a gracious outpouring of the spirit. Elder Haynes Lennon is Pastor.

*Ashpole.*—Has had a glorious revival. Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

*Back Swamp.*—Has had a happy and interesting season of nine days continuance, when many were added to the church. Elder F. Prevat is Pastor.

*Bear Swamp.*—Communicates pleasing intelligence, having had a revival, which resulted in the conversion of twenty hopeful converts. Elder William Ayers is Pastor.

*Beulah.*—Though few in number, rejoices in the strength of their faith and love. Elder Jesse Rogers is Pastor.

*Beaver Dam, Bladen.*—Communicates nothing of importance, more than they are in the enjoyment of peace. R. Fisher is Pastor.

*Beaver Dam, Columbus.*—Report themselves in good order. Elder A. M. Noble is Pastor.

*Mount Eliam.*—Nothing cheering. Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

*Mount Zion.*—Nothing important, but is hoping for better state of things to communicate. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

*Brier Branch.*—Complains of difficulties, which have produced coldness and discord. Elder James Cashwell is Pastor.

*White Lake.*—Is in a lukewarm condition. Elder P. C. Conoly has preached for them some few times.

*Shallott.*—Is in peace and love. Elder William M. Mints is Pastor.

*New Britain.*—Nothing important. Elder Joel Bennett is Pastor.

*Hickory.*—Nothing very cheering. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

*Friendship.*—Unimportant. Elder A. M. Noble is Pastor.

*Mount Pisgah.*—Is in peace and love. Elder William M. Mints is Pastor.

*Mill Creek.*—Is in a lifeless condition. No Pastor.

*Spring Branch.*—Has attentive congregations. Elder F. Prevat is Pastor.

*United Church.*—Peace and love abounding, with some exceptions. Elder Jesse Rogers is Pastor.

*Springfield.*—Is in peace and love. Elder William M. Mints is Pastor.

*Mount Tabor.*—Speaks of an increase in faith. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

*Western Prong.*—Enjoys kindly feelings towards each other. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

*Bethel.*—Unimportant. Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

*White Marsh.*—Has large and attentive congregations. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

*Cross Roads.*—Is at peace one with another. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

*Cheerful Hope.*—Is in good order, and has had some additions. Elder G. W. Lennon is Pastor.

*Saddle Tree.*—Has peace and harmony, with some additions. Elder E. Davis is Pastor.

*Providence.*—Is in peace and Union. Elder J. Monroe is Pastor.

*Mount Sinai.*—Speaks of being in a prosperous condition, but no Pastor.

*Iron Hill Cross Roads.*—Generally in peace. Elder J. Rogers is Pastor.

*Cherry Grove.*—Nothing cheering. Has no Pastor.

*Pleasant Hill.*—Is endeavoring to exercise discipline. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

*Rockfish.*—Coldness prevails to some extent. Elder J. Cashwell, supply.

*Piney Grove.*—Is in peace and union, and has monthly preaching by Elder D. S. Williams.

*Seven Creeks.*—A number has joined the Free Wills. W. M. Ments is supply.

*Pleasant Plains.*—Has had a gracious revival, with a goodly number added. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

*Concord.*—Rejoices in having had a revival. Elder R. Fisher is Pastor.

*Cedar Creek.*—Has had a visitation of the spirit of all grace, which resulted in the inquiry of many souls after the way of Zion. Elder F. Prevat is Pastor.

*Porter Swamp.*—Is in peace and union, and has had a revival. H. Lennon Pastor.

*Simpson's Creek.*—Uninteresting. Elder J. Rogers is Pastor.

*Macedonia, Columbus.*—Is in exercise of better discipline, a growing faith and an addition of numbers. Elder Z. Bullock is the supply.

*Pleasant Grove.*—Has nothing cheering to communicate. Elder D. B. Ayers is Pastor.

*Union.*—Is in peace and love. Elder William Ayers is Pastor.

*Orange Street, Wilmington.*—Has but a slight alteration in its condition. Elder A. Paul Repiton is Pastor.

*Shiloh.*—Is in a cold state.

*Macedonia, S. C.*—Is in peace and union. Elder Bullard is Pastor

*Buck Creek.*—Speaks of being in a low condition, but is hoping for a better state. Elder Wm. M. Mints is Pastor.

*Little River.*—Has just been constituted. Elder Thos. G. Rogers is Pastor.

*Shady Grove.*—Has just been constituted, and has had the labors of Elders Isham Stone and James Cashwell the past year.

*Raft Swamp.*—Has just been constituted. Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

*Honey Camp.*—Says a good work has been going on. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

*Big Branch.*—Nothing of special interest. Elder F. Prevat is Pastor.

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## REPORT OF

### *Robert M. McRackan, Treasurer of Domestic Misssion Board in Cape Fear Baptist Aassociation.*

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| To Cash remaining on hand last year, | | $ 15 00 |
| " " from Committee of Finance, | | 464 96 |
| " " Sabbath Collection, | | 44 68 |
| " " from Tr. of Association, | | |
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### CONTRA.

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| By Cash paid Bro. G. W. Hill, | $138 00 | |
| " " " P. C. Connelly, | 243 66 | |
| " " " Jas. Cashwell, | 150 00 | |

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## REPORT OF

### *Treasurer of Cape Fear Association.*

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| To Amt. sent up by Churches to A. F., | $77 87 |

### CONTRA.

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| By Amt. paid Printing Minutes, | $82 00 |
| " " " Clerk, | 20 00 |
| " " " Treas. Domestic Board, | 77 87 |

R. M. McRACKAN, *Treasurer.*

November, 1854.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Friday, *November* 3, 1854.

Appointed R. M. Sessoms, F. Prevatt, and R. S. Moore, a committee of finance.

Elder Haynes Lennon elected President.

Robt. M. McRackan Clerk and Treasurer.

A committee consisting of J. C. Powell, M. Meares, W. B. Bullard, G. W. Lennon, and D. A. Buie to select the itinerants for the ensuing year.

Brethren Conelly, G. W. Hill, and Cashwell presented their reports, which were received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

*Resolved*, That the Board feel gratified at the success of the Missionaries for the past year.

The Treasurer authorised to pay the Missionaries according to contract.

Board adjourned. Prayer by Brother Bullard.

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Saturday, 4th.

Board went into session.

Committee on the Itineracy reported; which was received and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

*Resolved*, That the compensation of our Missionaries be referred to the executive committee, who shall employ missionaries at an amount not less than one dollar, and not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day, which shall be paid at the discretion, and in accordance with the agreement entered into between the parties.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of this Association report to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, (J. S. Purify, Forestville, N. C.,) the amount expended in Domestic Missions.

The executive committee of last year was appointed for this; and all unfinished business was referred to them.

Board adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting of the Association.

HAYNES LENNON, *President.*

Robt. M. McRackran, *Clerk*.

## BIBLE SOCIETY.

Called to order by President of last session—H. Lennon.

Elected H. Lennon President, R. M. McRackan, Secretary and Treasurer.

Brother Dayton, Agent for Southern Bible Board, presented his claims, and a collection was taken up amounting to $48.50.

*Resolved*, That the sum for foreign distribution be paid to Brother Dayton, ($48.50.)

Brothers Francis Lennon, and Rozier, be a financial committee who reported $64 60 in the hands of the agent, Brother Benjamin Freeman, who is authorised to pay over to the North Carolina Bible and Baptist Publication Society.

Elders Haynes Lennon and Darius B. Ayres constituted life directors.

Elder A. Paul Repiton, and Brother F. Lennon, life members.

Brother Freeman is authorised to deliver the Bibles to the poor.

Report of Financial Committee received.

The Treasurer pay the amount.

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## REPORT OF THE BIBLE AGENT.

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| Received from the Board, | $12 55 |
| " " Elder H. Lennon, | 12 67 |
| " for books sold, | 39 38 |
| Total in hands of the Agent, | $64 60 |

On hand 6 Bibles.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, Agent.

Lumberton, November 2, 1854.

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## REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BIBLE BOARD.

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| We find in the hands of the former Agent, Brother Benjamin Freeman, | $64 60 |
| Collected at this meeting, | 5 40 |
| | $70 00 |

J. A. ROZIER,
F. LENNON, } Committee.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

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| Ayers, Wm. | Fair Bluff, Columbus | Co. | N. | C. |
| Ayers, D. B. | Lumberton, Robeson | “ | “ | “ |
| Bullard, W. B. | “ “ | “ | “ | “ |
| Bullock, Zadok | Fair Bluff, Columbus | “ | “ | “ |
| Bennett, Joel | Shalloate, Brunswick | “ | “ | “ |
| Cashwell, James | Grays Creek, Cumberland | “ | “ | “ |
| Connelly, P. C. | Mt. Pelier, Richmond | “ | “ | “ |
| Davis, Elias | Lumberton, Rebeson | “ | “ | “ |
| Dusenbury, Sam'l | Bucksville, Horry | Dis., | S. | C. |
| Hill, G. W. | Whiteville, Columbus | Co., | N. | C. |
| Fisher, Reuben | Owenville, Bladen | “ | “ | “ |
| Hall, Averitt | “ “ | “ | “ | “ |
| Honrine, J. T. | Fayetteville, Cumberland | “ | “ | “ |
| Lennon, Geo. W. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick | “ | “ | “ |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus | “ | “ | “ |
| Mints, W. M. | Shalloate, Brunswick | “ | “ | “ |
| Noble, A. N., | Cerro Gordo, Columbus | “ | “ | “ |
| Prevatt, Furney, | Leesville, Robeson | “ | “ | “ |
| Stone, Isham | Lumberton, “ | “ | “ | “ |
| Smith, Thomas | Owensville, Bladen | “ | “ | “ |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus | “ | “ | “ |
| Repiton, A. Paul | Wilmington, | | “ | “ |

## LICENSED MINISTERS,

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| Bullock, Noel | Leesville, Robeson | Co., | N. | C. |
| Harrelson, John | Whiteville, Columbus | “ | “ | “ |
| Johnson, Elias D. | Lumberton, Robeson, | “ | “ | “ |
| Sessums, R. M. | Smith's Bridge, “ | “ | “ | “ |

| Counties and Churches. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec. by Let'r. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Assoc. Fund. |
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| ROBESON— | | | | | | | | | $ |
| Ash Pole, | William Ayers, Joseph Thompson, Isham Pitman, | 32 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 231 | 3 05 |
| Antioch, | George Warwick, John W. Smith, Moses Meares, | 19 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 186 | 2 30 |
| Big Branch, | W. B. Bullard, Giles Williams, Bright Williams, | 6 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 1 | 129 | 2 00 |
| Mount Elam, | Isham Stone, *E. D. Johnson*, Elias Stone, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 66 | 1 50 |
| Back Swamp, | F. Prevatt, Jacob Thompson, J. B. Thompson, | 23 | 0 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 117 | 2 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | W. W. Powell, E. Davis, J. Ratcliff, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 1 50 |
| Providence, | P. C. Conelly, J. Lancaster, D. McGougin, | 3 | 4 | | | | | 57 | 1 25 |
| Raft Swamp, | James Prevatt, James Davis, H. Prevatt, | | | | | | | 26 | 1 30 |
| Pleasant Grove. | *Norman Martin*, R. S. Moore, H. J. Bullock, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 69 | 1 50 |
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| COLUMBUS— | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | W. J. Standly, E. Hinson, H. Best, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 75 | 1 50 |
| Cherry Grove, | J. Stricklin, N. Stricklin, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| Cross Roads, | J. M. Lennon, J. E. Lennon, F. Lennon, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 122 | 2 72½ |
| Macedonia, | D. Williamson, L. Williamson, J. P. Waters, | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill, | D. N. Gore, J. Powell, J. H. Stanly, | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 109 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Moriah, | W. J. Thompson, H. Mitchel, | | | | | | | 9 | 50 |
| Mt. Tabor, | J. H. Buffkin, Joshua Souls, C. Spivey, | 6 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 93 | 1 75 |

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| Mt. Zion, | C. Jones, S. Sasser, Sr., Wm. Vause, | 11 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 72 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, A. P. Daniel, N. Stephens, | 22 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 114 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | A. Powell, D. Coleman, D. F. Williamson, | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 110 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Hill, | W. Frink, F. Thompson, M. M. Walker, | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 47 | 1 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | Jonathan Gore, James Long, J. C. Stanaland, | | | | | | | 55 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Sinai, | John Harrelson, E. H. Todd, G. C. Powell, | 18 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 55 | 1 00 |
| White Marsh, | C. P. Woodel, N. Ray, Elisha Creach, | 12 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 1 00 |
| Western Prong, | H. Lennon, R. Wooten, J. C. Powell, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 1 25 |
| BLADEN— | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | A. Hall, M. M. Smith, N. Jones, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 166 | 1 50 |
| Brier Branch, | D. C. Shaw, John H. Tatum, D. R. Cain, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 169 | 2 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | *R. M. Sessoms*, Allen Edwards, D. Singletary, | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 88 | 2 50 |
| Shiloh, | J. Monroe, Amos Martin, John Smith, | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 93 | 2 00 |
| White Lake, | D. H. Marshburn, G. W. Cashwell, J. Carrol, | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 55 | 1 00 |
| BRUNSWICK— | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | L. Wescoat, G. Wescoat, Robt. M. McRackan, | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 1 00 |
| Beulah, | Danl. Stanaland, J. Hickman, S. B. Stanaland, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 1 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. Lennon, Josiah Nye, John Smith, | 11 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 66 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | J. Sellers, J. W. Simmons, W. R. Sellers, | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 74 | 1 00 |
| Mill Creek, | S. B. Robbins, P. O. Tharp, | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 34 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | J. Russ, Benjamin Ward, James Phelps, | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 154 | 2 00 |
| Shallott, | W. M. Mints, D. K. Mints, Hosea Hewitt, | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 102 | 1 00 |
| Union, | Robert Woodsides, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 50 |
| Friendship, | Moses McKeithan, D. B. McKeithan, | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 50 |

## NAMES OF DELEGATES—CONTINUED.

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| CUMBERLAND— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cedar Creek, | A. Melvin, W. C. West, R. D. Melvin, | 7 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 214 | 3 | 05 |
| Concord, | R. Fisher, R. Faircloth, D. Horn, | 17 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 110 | 1 | 50 |
| Piney Grove, | D. A. Buie, S. J. Guy, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | | 00 |
| Rock Fish, | J. Cashwell, L. R. Hall, E. Fisher, | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 38 | 1 | 00 |
| MARION DIS., S. C— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | S. Dusenberry, *N. Bullock*, D. N. Page, | 20 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 211 | 2 | 00 |
| HORRY DIS., S. C— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | J. Harrelson, N. Blanton, A. Jurnegan, | 9 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 1 | 50 |
| Little River, | Abraham Bessent, J. T. Thompson, | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | | 50 |
| Macedonia, | John J. Ludlam, H. Lewis, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | | 50 |
| Buck Creek, | J. M. Smith, I. Hardy, J. Hardy, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 40 | 1 | 00 |
| United Church, | W. Thompson, D. N. Edge, J. Joiner, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 72 | 1 | 00 |
| Simpson's Creek, | T. S. Hardy, N. J. Cox, S. Hughes, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 40 | 1 | 00 |
| Spring Branch, | Alva Smith, E. Worley, H. Enzor, | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 117 | 3 | 00 |
| Springfield, | W. Hughes, W. E. Gore, J. W. Thompson, | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 1 | 00 |
| Orange St., Wil'tn. | A. Paul Repiton, S. Spooner, W. H. F. Edwards, | 2 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 120 | 3 | 00 |
| | | 309 | 62 | 35 | 97 | 115 | 44 | | | |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD AT

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH,**

ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

**October 25, 26, 27, 28, 1855.**

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# MINUTES.

THURSDAY, Oct., 25th 1855.

The Association met according to adjournment. Elder J. H. Cobb preached a most appropriate introductory sermon from Phillippians, ii. 5.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, the Divine direction was invoked by Elder Jesse Rogers, after reading and singing by the Moderator.

A majority of Churches being represented the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed brethren A. Melvin, J. A. Rozier and F. Lennon a committee of finance.

After the reading of letters, and recording the the names of delegates, the officers were elected, viz: Haynes Lennon, Moderator; Robert M. McRacken, Clerk and Treasurer, and Benjamin Freeman Assistant Clerk.

An opportunity was then extended to newly constituted churches, when the Lumberton church with its letters and delegates presented themselves, and were unanimously received.

Brethren B. Freeman, Giles Williams, Moses Warrick, J. A. Rozier, and John Monroe, were appointed a committee to supply the stage.

Brethren Bright Williams, K. Atkinson, M. Warwick, H. T. Pope, D. B. Gunn, were appointed a committee of vigilance.

An invitation was extended to pastors and brethren to seats with us during the session of the Association.

Adjourned to half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Wm. Ayers.

FRIDAY, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Association met according to arrangement. Prayer by Elder A. Paul Repiton, after reading and singing by the Moderator.

Brother James O. Hale, from the Welsh Neck Association, was received after the invitation of yesterday was read.

Appointed Elder A. Paul Repiton, P. C. Connelly and Wm. Ayers, a committee to examine Ministers proposed for ordination.

Elder A. Paul Repiton, and brethren B. Freeman, and J. A. Rozier, were appointed a committee to select subjects, and appoint committees to write on them for the next Association.

It was moved by Elder A. Paul Repiton, that the money appropriated for a Scholarship in the Wake Forest College, be placed in the hands of the Moderator of the Association, for the benefit of the Association, and to be called the Scholarship of the Cape Fear Association. Motion prevailed.

The next meeting of the Association to be held at the Cape Fear Church, Cumberland County, commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1856, at half past 10 o'clock, A. M. Elder Haynes Lennon to preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. Paul Repiton to preach at 12 o'clock on Sabbath, and Elder P. C. Connelly to preach on sanctification.

Bro. John McLean, with a letter from the Pee Dee Association, presented himself, and was invited to a seat with us.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the prosperity and well-being of the Kingdom of Christ, depend upon a strict adherence to the teachings of the New Testament, Therefore,

1st. *Resolved*, That the churches of Jesus Christ are composed of immersed believers, united in covenant to observe all the ordinances of the Gospel.

2nd. *Resolved*, That these churches are equal in point of authority, independent of each other in government, but united in the observance of the general principles of the Holy Scriptures.

3rd. *Resolved*, That these churches have been under the special guidance and protection of Heaven, kept separate and distinct from all human organizations from the days of our Saviour to the present time.

4th. *Resolved*, That these churches during the whole period of their warfare, have taken the Bible, the Bible only, as their guide in both State and church. That they have ever, and ever will protest against legislation in the church.

5th. *Resolved*, That churches convened in representative councils and associations, can do no more than what they have a divine right to do in their separate capacity.

6th. *Resolved*, That in their union there is strength, and to the enemy they will be as "terrible as an army with banners."

7th. *Resolved*, That every attempt by churches or conventions of churches, to classify their members, create different departments in government, is an infringement on the internal rights of the churches, a violation of the Gospel plan of government, and an effort to lord it over God's heritage; thereby setting aside the declaration of our Saviour; "ye are all brethren."

8th. *Resolved*, That we deprecate the error into which the churches have fallen, for the last half century, on the subject of Pulpit Communion.

9th. *Resolved*, That we will carefully inquire for the "old paths and walk therein."

Bro. Todd from the Iron Hill Cross Roads, was recognised as a member of this body.

Reports were called for.

Publication society reported. Report received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

Colportage report received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

Temperance report received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

Report on the Southern Baptist S. Convention was continued.

Appointed brethren A. Melvin, J. A. Rozier and F. Lennon, a committee to audit the accounts between the Treasurer and the Association.

The Clerk to be allowed twenty dollars for his services.

Report on Ministerial Education was received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

The Association made way for the Domestic Mission Board, which, after the transaction of its business, adjourned.

ASSOCIATION IN SESSION.

Ordered, that 2000 copies of the minutes be printed.

The committee to audit the Treasurers account, reported $19,13 due the Treasurer.

John Monroe, J. Thompson, W. B. Bullard, E. Wishart, and E. D. Johnson, a committee to select corresponding Messengers, and to write letters to other Associations.

Report on Bible Society received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

The following churches and individuals contributed the amounts annexed, viz:

Spring Branch, Porter Swamp, Pleasant Hill and Ashpole, $20. Antioch, Cross Roads, Western Prong and Hickory Grove, $25. Concord $3. A. P. Repiton $1; P. C. Connelly $1.

Adjourned to half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder Z. Bullock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 1-2 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. After reading and singing by the Moderator, prayer was offered up by Elder P. C. Connelly.

Visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us and participate in our deliberations.

Elder L. C. Perkinson, agent for the Oxford Female College, presented himself, and was received.

Report on Foreign Missions received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

Report on Sabbath schools received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

Report on Baptist State Convention received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

The committee te select corresponding Messengers, and to write letters to Sister Associations, reported:

Elder Haynes Lennon is appointed to write a corresponding letter to the Welsh Neck Association.

Elder P. C. Connelly is appointed to write a letter of correspondence to the Pee Dee Association.

Elder A. Pan. Repiton to write a letter of correspondence to the Union Association.

The committe of finance reported $74,25, received.

Elder Wm. L. Wallace, from the Welsh Neck Association, was invited to a seat with us.

Ordered, that the money collected on Sabbath, as well as any balance of the minute fund, be appropriated to the use of the Domestic Mission Board.

The present destitute condition of the churches was referred to the Domestic Mission Board.

*Query*: What steps should be taken with individuals who have been dismissed at the dissolution of the church, and refuse afterwards to connect themselves with churches of like faith and order.

*Answer.*—It is our opinion that such persons are in a state of disorder—that such disorder annuls their letter, and thereby dissolves their connection with the Baptist Church.

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Association, there is no power which can be exercised over such individuals, but it regards them as Hymenius and Alexander, and others of whom the Apostle speaks, who went out from us because they were not of us, and as such recommend that all fellowship be, and is hereby dissolved with all such persons, until they make satisfactory reparation for all the injury inflicted upon the Church of Christ by them.

Elder James, the Editor of the Biblical Recorder was invited to a seat with us. At which time, the claims of the Recorder upon us, as a denomination, were forcibly set forth.

*Resolved*, That this Association recommend the more free circulation of the Biblical Recorder among the churches within our bounds, and that our brethren be requested to subscribe and pay for said paper, as the organ of defence of the principles and tenets, of the Baptist church, the Kingdom of Christ which he came to set up in this world.

Bro. Connelly's report upon the ordination of Ministers received, and its appendage to the minutes ordered.

Elder Perkinson addressed the body upon the subject of the Oxford Female College.

*Resolved*, That this Association will not consider itself as adjourned, until after the services of Sabbath, which shall be considered as part and parcel of the same, and that we close similarly with last session.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable entertainment which we have received during the present session.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention, viz: Elders A Paul Repiton, W. Ayres, D. B. Ayres, G. W. Hill, G. W. Lennon, P. C. Connelly, F. Prevatt, W. B. Ballard; and brethren B. Freeman, John G. Powell, Alva Smith, H. T. Pope, R. M. McRackan, James A. Rozier, Arthur Melvin, F. Lennon, John B. Thompson, E. D. Johnson.

Treasurer report—amount for domestic missions to Treasurer of B. S. Convention.

*Resolved*, That this Association highly approve of the more extensive circulation of Baptist publications, and recommend the N. C. Baptist Publication Society, as an institution, well calculated to promote their principles and doctrines.

The unfinished business of the Association was referred to H. Lennon, B. Freeman, F. Lennon, G. Warwich, A. F. Powell, R. Wooten, and R. M. McRackan.

The Association adjourned until to-morrow, Sabbath, 10 1-2 o'clock.

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SABBATH.

Elder A. Paul Repiton addressed a large congregation from Titus, iii. 5, 6. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour."

Elder J. J. James followed with a discourse from Philippians, ii. 5.

After a short intermission, Elder H. Lennon discoursed to us from Amos, iv. 12. "Prepare to meet they God."

The congregation was dismissed by singing the hymn,

"Blest be the tie that binds,"

and by giving the parting hand.

HAYNES LENNON, Moderator.

ROBT. M. MCRACKAN, Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

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FRIDAY, 12 o'clock, M.

The Board went into session on Friday 12 o'clock noon.

Breth. Freeman, Rozier and Guy, were appointed a committee of Finance.

The following were elected officers: Elder H. Lennon, President; and Robt. M. McRackan Clerk and Treasurer; Benjamin Freeman Assistant Clerk.

Breth. Connelly, Prevatt and Bullard, reported as Missionaries; their reports received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Agreed that the Missionary operations be continued the ensuing year.

Brethren Benjamin Freeman, Francis Lennon, J. A. Rozier and Eli Wishart, be a committee to secure the services of Itinerants.

Agreed that bro. D. B. Ayers be allowed a compensation for his services, during bro. Bullard's sickness.

The Board adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 12 o'clock.

The Board in session.

Brother B. Freeman reported: which report was left with the Board to arrange.

The committee of Finance reported $524 26-100 received.

The following were appointed a committee to arrange the unfinished business, viz: Elder Haynes Lennon, Benjamin Freeman

Francis Lennon, George Warwick, A. F. Powell, Richard Wooten and Robt. M. McRackan, to meet in Lumberton, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in November, 1855.

The executive committee met at Lumberton at the time appointed, the 23rd Nov., when they proceeded to the execution of the unfinished business.

It was agreed that Elder P. C. Connelly be appointed a missionary to visit the destitute churches, and hold protracted meetings; for which the Board will make the usual allowance; any meetings held with churches having Pastors will be considered as gratuitous, and consequently the Board will not be responsible, as their object is to supply those that are unable to sustain themselves. We would commend to his especial care the church at Lumberton.

We solicit Elder A. Paul Repiton's attention, monthly, to the church being established at Whiteville.

It was agreed that Elder Haynes Lennon be allowed to use his discretion in visiting churches, for which service the usual allowance will be made him.

Elder D. B. Ayers is appointed a missionary, in connection with the colportage, to visit all the churches within the bounds of the Association as often as possible, to be paid the usual price.

Elder W. B. Bullard presented the following amounts: from

Springfield $5 to the Board, and $1 to the minute fund.
Buck Creek $5 to the Board, and $1 do.
Big Branch $5 to the Board, (additional.)
Back Swamp $3 to the Board, do.

Appointed H. Lennon to audit the Treasurer's account.

Agreed to meet at the Lennon Cross Roads on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in May, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which time we urgently request, and recommend that each church in the association send one delegate, to take into consideration the establishing of an associational school in as central a position as possible.

The executive committee have recommended bro. E. D. Johnson to go to school, and endeavour to prepare himself for the ministry, and that the brethren would send up with their letters an educational fund.

HAYNES LENNON, President.

Robt. M. McRackan, Clerk.

# APPENDIX.

## SUBJECTS TO WRITE ON.

The committee appointed to select subjects, and designate individuals to write thereon, submit the following report, viz:

On Ministerial Education—R. M. McRackan and G. W. Lennon.
Foreign Missions—D. B. Ayers and Jacob Thompson.
Bible Societies—Wm. Ayers and J. H. Razier.
Sabbath Schools—J. B. Barlow and J. H. Cobb,
Publication Societies—P. C. Connelly and F. Prevatt.
Colportage—Eli Wishart and S. B. Rozier.
Bap. State Convention—G. W. Hill and E. Davis.
Temperance—A. Paul Repiton.
Wake Forest College—H. Lennon and B. Freeman.

A. PAUL REPITON, Chairman.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

*Dear Brethren:* Your committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully submit the following report:

With such facilities as we have at the present time, every neighborhood may with ease establish a Sabbath school, and furnish itself with a pure religious literature, to refresh, cultivate and gladden the hearts of the rising generation.

We know there has been some Sabbath schools commenced, and, for a short time, appeared to flourish, and then went down, apparently from some unknown cause; which cause is now discernible, and might be easily remedied. It is the coldness on the part of parents, and their non-attention to the schools. It is almost an universal thing for the child to be concerned in whatever engages the attention of the parent; which is an obvious demonstration to us, that the failure in this most important matter is attributable to us, their parents.

JAMES A. ROZIER, Chairman.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*Dear Brethren :* This subject on which we were appointed to write, is one of deep and thrilling interest, in connection with the spread and increase of the kingdom of Christ in the world. In the term Foreign missions, is embraced a vast extent of territory and millions of inhabitants. This vast field must be occupied, and these millions must be taught the way of life and salvation. But how shall they hear without a preacher? and how can they preach except they be sent? And who shall send the truth as it is in Christ to the 300,000,000 of China, and the 90,000,000 of Africa, to say nothing of other vast and destitute fields, where the true God and Saviour of the world are not known? The heathen themselves will do nothing, at first, in this great work, because they are satisfied with their worship, and their idol gods. The work then of evangelization must begin in a land, and among a people, who have been enlightened, evangelized and christianized. These are to be found, in a very great degree, in these United States of America; we form a part of this great andgr and confederacy; and, upon us, devolves, to a very great extent, the duty of performing this work. But who will go in person from among us to proclaim salvation to these benighted ones? Perhaps from the bounds of this association not one will be found who would say, "Here am I, send me." How then shall we discharge our duty in this particular? By aiding with our contributions and prayers those who are willing to go, and those who have already gone, and are sowing the seeds of righteousness in order to a rich harvest, yet to be gathered in the field of Foreign Missionary enterprise. There was a thrilling incident related by a beloved brother, a short time since, in connection with the 90,000,000 of Africa. Our brother Bowen who is stationed at Igaye, heard of an immense city some miles above him, and determined to visit it. He was told if he did, they would kill him. This moved not his purpose. He went, and as he approached the walls of the city, larger than the city of London, he was seized, carried within the walls, and confined in prison. After a few days he was brought before the king, and interrogated as to the object of his visit there. This he explained, and taking out his Arabic Bible, a Bible translated into the book language of that country, he began to read from that book, and explain still further the object of his mission. Again, was he put in prison, and again brought before the king who had a further conference with him about the object of his visit. The king said to him, but if your system of religion shall prevail, it will destroy our entire system of religion. Yes, said bro. Bowen, such is the design, and such will be the tendency of the truth, and the extension of the kingdom of Christ. After further conversation, the king ordered him to be released, and gave him the privilege of traversing that great city of many thousand souls, and preaching unmolested, Christ and his religion. On his departure the king presented him with a fine horse and handsome presents for his wife—pointed out a location for a school and house of worship, and promised his assistance.—Here was the hand of God saying to his servants: "The field is white already to the harvest," and thus calling upon the Southern people who sent bro. Bowen out, and saying, possess and "occupy till I come." There are also cheering accounts from China. Our missionaries represent the inhabitants of Shanghai, as beginning to be extensively enquiring on this subject, and say, that apparently, the good work will take, and no doubt spread over that immense field like a prairie on fire.

It would consume too much of your time to extend this report, as it might be, on this deeply interesting and important department of Christian enterprise. May God speed on the good work; bless the labors of our missionaries in the Foreign field; greatly increase their number, and hasten on the day, when the heathen shall be given "to his son for his inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for his possession."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. PAUL REPITON, Chairman.

## EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

*Dear Brethren:* We the committee on the examination of candidates for the christian ministry, report as follows: Having listened with interest to a relation of the Christian experience and call to the ministry of brethren Johnson and Sessoms, recommend them to ordination, on condition that they study as far as possible "to show themselves approved unto God, and workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. CONNEL, Chairman.

## BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Your committee would most respectfully state, that this institution was founded in 1830; at Greenville, for the following benevolent purposes, viz: The education of young men called of God to the ministry, whose literary opportunities had been circumscribed; the supplying the destitute of our own beloved State with the word of life; and the sending the glorious gospel of Christ to the Heathen. For several years this noble enterprise succeeded well, it then seemed to droop for awhile, but at length put forth renewed energy and now may be said to be doing a great and good work. The Wake Forest College co-operating with it, our beneficiaries are sustained and sent forth to gladden the hearts of the perishing at home, while the foreign field is supplied through the Southern Baptist Convention. Notwithstanding it is doing much, yet, it might quite easily quadruple its efforts in every department, and send out an energetic ministry to the world, that would tell of the power of religion.

Brethren, proper tillage of the earth, under the blessing of Heaven, will always produce an abundant harvest; so will the cultivation of our beloved institutions. The means we have, and all that is necessary, is, the application of these means. Then as an Association, and as individuals, what are you willing to do? We have now one beneficiary at school preparing for the ministry, to neglect him would be ingratitude.

HAYNES LENNON, Chairman.

## BIBLE SOCIETIES.

*Dear Brethren:* According to appointment, we submit the following report:

It is not necessary for us to vindicate the truthfulness of Scripture, but to say something in relation to the various efforts that have been made, and are now being made, to spread the word of life throughout the world. This good work has not been the invention of man, in these latter days, as some have been pleased to call it, but it is a subject that claimed the attention of the Apostles, otherwise, they would not have written gospels and epistles, and carried them from country to country, attended with great expense, and perils by land and sea. But owing to the fact, that, the word had to be written at this time with pen and ink, its spread was of necessity slow; but since the invention of printing, the good work has been greatly advanced, societies have been formed both in England and America, and notwithstanding this good work has met the greatest opposition, yet it has prospered, and the everlasting gospel is doing its work of bringing light and comfort to many destitute families. But the word cannot be published and gratuitously circulated without means from some source; it is now, as it was in the day's of Peter de Bruy's, who was engaged in translating and publishing the New Testament for gratuitous circulation, at the expense of Luther Tindel and others. The demand is as great now as then. The Southern Bible Society has peculiar claims on us as our own institution. There are many destitute families in our midst who are incapable of purchasing. Can nothing be done for them? Shall we depend upon others to do it for us, or let them perish, or will we place in every family a Bible;

D. B. AYERS, Chairman.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

*Dear Brethren:* It certainly is of importance that ministers should be educated; but we think it is a subject which may be viewed in different ways.

If ministers are not too far advanced in life, and have the opportunity, they ought to obtain a thorough education. But when this is not practicable, they certainly should make the best use of the means within their reach, to improve their minds. Wonders have been accomplished in many instances, by close and persevering study, upon the part of those determined to improve their minds. It is a very easy thing for one to persuade himself, that he is too poor, or too weak intellectually, to improve his mind. Generally speaking, impressions of that kind are erroneous; though the circumstances in which our ministers are placed, in many instances, are of an embarrassing nature, yet, if every opportunity with which they are favored were made good use of, they would soon tell upon their intelligence. It is of importance that the heart should be cultivated as well as the mind; ministers should be epistles known and read of all men, 2. Cor. iii. 2. They will prove a savour of life unto life, or of death unto death, among those with whom they associate, 2 Cor. ii. 16. We should lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty, 1 Tim. ii. 2. That man certainly has no grace, or a very meager share of it, who flies into a passion at every little insult that may be offered, or imaginary injury he may receive. Such conduct is blameable in any professor, more particularly in a professed minister of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. With propriety it may be said to all such, "Physician heal thyself." While we should observe the command of God's word, in giving ourselves to reading, that we may be workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, we particularly should attend to the study of the Holy Scriptures. Frequently there are difficulties in the way of the improvement of our ministers. There are some who regard themselves as persons of considerable knowledge, and in their ignorance, suppose their views of matters in general are of great importance; if one should presume to correct their mistakes, such an act of kindness is received as an insult. Another difficulty in the way is this: Some of our well meaning, but ignorant and mistaken brethren, tell our ministers they know enough, and unfortunately there are some who believe it; consequently, that exertion which is necessary for the acquirement of information is not made. Many of our ministers who have passed the time of successfully applying their minds to useful studies, know by sad experience the woful effects such expressions have had upon them. Upon the part of some of our ministers there seems to be a disposition to make capital out of their ignorance, and this disposition has its influence upon others. An impression is made that there is sympathy for ignorance, and as we naturally love ease, we are inclined to slacken our pursuit after knowledge, and thus many are injured. There is no necessity in a minister's telling his congregation that he is ignorant, inasmuch as this will be found out before he is done preaching. But this kind of spirit is shown in such remarks, "You may look out for me to preach much better than could be expected under such circumstances." As strange as it may appear, there are some of our brethren who are prejudiced against an educated ministry. If they go to hear such a preacher, they apprehend that he preaches more from his head than his heart, consequently such a man is not as much benefitted as he otherwise would be, if his views were correct with respect to the ministry. But the misfortune does not stop here. He influences others to think as he does, and it would be well if some of our ministers were not found entertaining the same incorrect notions.

The use of an education is, to draw out the powers of the mind, to discipline it, and to have the control over it in its application to useful studies. If such be the view the mere worldly man has of an education, how much more should the minister of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ value it, whose business it is to proclaim the gospel of the ever blessed God, to a lost and ruined world.

P. C. CONNELLY, Chairman.

## COLPORTAGE.

Your committee would respectfully state that the system of colportage is the only effective means of distributing the Publications of Publishing Boards.

The present rapid advances of education, the unnumbered irreligious works thrown upon society, the errors propagated by the press, and taught from the sacred desk, demand uncompromising vigilance in supplying every family in our land with the word of life, and such other books as will direct them to the only reliable source for truth.

The influence of the system is seen and felt in helping to check the reading of trashy and dangerous literature. Families have been seen by our colporteurs, who never had a religious visit before; and people who have been clogs to society are now good and useful citizens. Allow us to say, that, in carrying out the above suggestions, the religion of the Bible will be vindicated, while traditional errors will be exposed and corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS LENNON, Chairman.

Bro. Wm. Ayers submitted to the committee a verbal report of thirty days service, for which they agreed to allow him $30.

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## TEMPERANCE.

The committee report, that they find it difficult to say anything that has not already been said upon the subject. Temperance societies have been organized to meet the monster Intemperance, and while they are free to admit that these institutions have done, and are still doing much good, yet, they think that the church should adopt some method by which it could more successfully be met.

That the Gospel is the source from whence springs all good, none will deny; and inasmuch as that is so, it does appear that we, above every other denomination, should be the foremost in every enterprise, having the melioration of the condition of mankind for its object. We are a peculiar people; we claim, we profess to be, and are, as we honestly believe, what the primitive christians were; we say that no one can be admitted to membership in the Baptist church, but such as can give satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, and consequently of new desires. The intelligent portion of our fellow-men know the position we occupy, and they expect, and rationally too, that we should be found in the van in whatever conduces to the happiness of mankind. It is expected that a Baptist should be ready at all times for any good, because his profession implies that he is a christian, and christianity implies benevolence, and benevolence sets the possessor in pursuit of whatever tends to happiness here and hereafter. It teaches him to forego whatever he may practice prudentially, if the same practice in another tends to his injury, thinking perchance he might possibly have some influence.

Such, according to the opinion of the committee, is the nature of love or christianity, and such are its results. For us to do anything, or tolerate anything that does not comport with the strictest rules of the gospel knowingly, is to contradict ourselves in the plainest terms, render us ridiculous in the sight of men, and hateful to God himself.

Selfishness is antagonistic to the Gospel; and we find this monstrous evil developing itself in either interest or appetite, or both. To present this matter before you in this light is the object of the committee; to induce us to bethink ourselves in a matter of so much moment, to be wary; to try the spirits, to probe the motives, and see whether they be of God; and we feel satisfied that where a scrutiny is had as under the all-seeing eye of Heaven, we will indignantly frown upon the use of anything that binders a vitality in pure religion. We are told that we are a city set on a hill, and we are commanded to let our light shine that others seeing our good works may glorify God.

Do I do it? in this matter especially, is a question proper for us, and let us answer to God now, as we shall have to do ere long. What was the design of the Almighty in our creation? The committee cannot better answer the question, than by adopting the inimitable language of Harris. "By creating, at first, one common father of the species, he designed that each individual should feel himself allied to all the rest, and pledged to promote their happiness. And by rendering us necessary to each other's welfare, he sought to train us to an humble imitation of his own goodness, to teach us the divine art of benevolence—to find and fabricate our own happiness from the happiness of others." The committee feel that were this heavenly principle in proper operation, we would rise in mass and forever drive from our fraternity this evil, the great enemy of God and man.

WM. FRINK, Chairman.

## PUBLICATION SOCIETIES.

Of the many improvements of the day perhaps there are none which have made more rapid advances than that of the press and of the many blessings that we enjoy none are better calculated to promote our happiness in a moral, religious and social point of view. For the truth of this ascertion, we have only to contrast our own happy condition with countries not possessed with the advantages that we have, yea, we have only to take a retrospect of our own country some half century back, and compare the opportunities of our people then with the present, and we find the contrast very great. Among the incalculable blessings the press has been to the religious world is the dissemination of the "Word of Life," religious books, tracts, &c., not only in our own country, but in heathen lands, and who but he, that can tell the value of an immortal soul can tell what good has been effected through the various means that have been set on foot for the diffusion of light throughout the whole world so far as the means could reach. But while much has been done, we as a distinct body (especially in the South,) have not been as much alive to our interest as we should have been. While other denominations have been busily engaged in publishing their respective denominational works and having them circulated every where, yea, even amongst the Baptist, we have lain either in apparent apathy or total neglect of a matter that should have engaged our serious and devoted attention. And why, we ask, has this state of things existed? We answer mainly because the Baptist felt so secure believing as they did and still must believe that they had the *Bible* as their rule of life and that that was sufficient for all purposes. We are free to admit that the Bible is and ever has been sufficient to show men their duty to their Creator, to themselves and to one another, but still there are a great many religious works that are well calculated to awaken sinners, comfort mourners, and to build up the Believers in the most holy faith. And we are happy to have it to say that we do not have to go to other denominations for religious works. We now have them written by Baptists, printed at Baptist offices, and we have the men and means to have them circulated. It should give us the most heart-felt gratification that here in our own beloved North Carolina, has sprung up a "Publication Society," and that we do not now as heretofore have to send to New York or Philadelphia for a tract or book, but that we can have our Sunday school libraries or any other denominational books ordered and quickly forwarded to the remotest part of our association or any part of the State. In view of this great enterprise we cannot too strongly impress on the mind of every Baptist the importance of sustaining this institution. We do not ask you to advance money now to do this, what we mean is to keep it up by your patronage. We have only to purchase the books which we and our children need to push the work ahead and cause it to expand and become more and more useful. It should make the heart of every Baptist in N. C. feel thankful that such an institution has been reared in our midst, and shall we be neglectful of a matter of such vital importance? We hope not, we hope the day is not far distant when we shall see our own denominational works in the house of every Baptist or association, but throughout the length and breadth of our happy country.

The effect of reading our own works are obvious on other denominations, why is it that so many never depart from the way they have been educated? It is because certain religious prejudices have been instiled into their minds from their earliest youth and they perhaps have not been allowed even to investigate other sentiments, and while this state of things exists among others shall we say that we have no need of any exertion on our part? Let it not once be said, but let us show by a practical demonstration that we are determined to support the cause by purchasing such works as not only favor our religious views, but that fully comport with the sacred scriptures.

We regret that we do not have before us a catalogue of the books kept by the N. C. Publication Society, we can only refer you to such as we now recollect, to-wit: The Church Member's Guide, The Almost Christian, Benedict's History of the Baptist, Orchard's Church History, Boothe's Vindication of the Baptist, Howell on Communion, The Evils of Infant Baptism, Fuller on Baptism and Communion, The World's only Hope, Christian Progress, Jewett on Baptism, The Ancient Land Marks Resett, The Great Iron Wheel, Remington's Reasons.

You may ask why urge so strongly the purchase and reading of these books? Many strong and conclusive reasons might be adduced, and among the most prominent is that we should "know ourselves." If a Baptist is asked the question, "how do you know that your origin is immediately from Christ and the Apostles? how can he give a correct answer if he knows nothing of their history? If he is asked why the Baptists do not commune with other denominations? In many instances they would not be prepared to give a correct answer, and why? Because they have not carefully examined works that have a direct bearing on this subject and perhaps there is no one subject that has caused so much controversy and has staggered so many weak and pliable brethren as this one thing of what others are pleased to call "close communion."

By a perusal of a history of the Baptists, we not only find our succession to be from Christ and the Apostles, but we find that it has ever been a leading feature in their principles to establish a republican form of Government where ever they have gained a footing. But as we did not intend to go into an elaborate argument to strengthen our position, we shall only again urge on you a perusal of the works above referred to. These works can be had of Messrs. Heartt and Jones, Raleigh, by remitting the cash or sending a responsible name for the amount ordered or by applying to Elder D. B. Ayres, Colporteur, you cannot only obtain these but may other valuable works, and by making purchases from him you not only serve the Society, but at the same time you are assisting a deserving and worthy brother.

Respectfully submitted,

B. FREEMAN.

## REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

### ELDER W. B. BULLARD'S REPORT,

*To the Brethren of the Domestic Mission Board of the Cape Fear Association.*

*Dear Brethren:* On the first day of June last, I commenced my services for the Board in the field you assigned me, and continued them until September the 18th, when I was compelled to abandon my labors, in consequence of a very sudden and severe attack of billious fever. The length of time I have been traveling for the Board is 99 days, and preached 91 sermons. My congregations have been as full as could be reasonably expected. We have had some very cheering meetings, and have met with kindness and hospitality wherever duty called. Received for the Board $10,70.

In conclusion, dear brethren, I return you my hearty thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me as one of your Missionaries, and to the brethren and friends wherever my lot has been cast, for their christian attentions. May the blessings of the most High rest upon us all, is my prayer for Christ's sake.

### ELDER F. PREVATT'S REPORT.

*Dear Brethren:* On the 13th day of November last, I commenced my services for the Board, and continued them until the 22nd October. The amount of service I have charged to the Board is 196 days. My ferriage has been $3,75. At the churches and stations assigned me, I have had the pleasure, generally speaking, of addressing large congregations, apparently anxious to hear the preached word. Through the months of July, August and September, our meetings were much more interesting than the preceding ones. The courtesy everywhere extended to me, has made my field an extremely pleasant one. I would take the liberty of informing you, that there are a few feeble churches constituted at needful points, which churches, I would commend to your fostering care. Just now it would not only be helping the weak, but be doing good service to the cause of our Heavenly Father.

In order to advance the interests of the Board, I here give you the names of five brethren that have given the sum of thirty dollars each, viz: Brethren Arthur Melvin, John N. McCall, John B. Thompson, Robert M. McRackan and Furney Prevatt, constituting each a life member of the Board. I have received $5 for the Board, baptized 64 persons, travelled 196 days, and preached as many sermons.

May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon the friends and brethren wherever I have been, for the manifold kindness shown me, is my prayer for Christ's sake.

### ELDER P. C. CONNELLY'S REPORT.

*Dear Brethren:* It is with pleasure I give you an account of the service I have rendered as a Missionary since our last Association. During the former part of the year, my labors were, seemingly, almost useless. But the Lord after so long a time, in mercy, to our help appeared. Upon many of our churches his Holy Spirit has been abundantly poured out. The desert has blossomed as the rose, and the solitary places have been made glad. Many poor dying sinners have turned from ruin's brink, and from the service of sin and satan, to the true and living God. Nearly seventy have joined the meetings I have attended, the most of whom it has been my privilege to baptize. I have rendered 183 days service, including rest days. Received $33.

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| Brother Henry Bullock gave me | $ 5 00 |
| From a brother at New Britain, | 50 |
| Received from Beulah church, | 10 00 |
| Received from Mt. Elam church, | 6 50 |
| Received from a friend, | 1 00 |
| Received from Western Prong, | 10 00 |

### ELDER D. B. AYERS REPORT.

I have traveled with Bro. P. C. Connelly, seventeen days.

## REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

The Committee of Finance of the Domestic Mission Board report as follows:

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| Orange St. Bap. church, | $10 00 |
| Ashpole, | 10 00 |
| Antioch, | 11 50 |
| Big Branch, | 15 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | 1 85 |
| Back Swamp, | 11 15 |
| Saddle Tree, | 10 00 |
| Providence, | 9 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | 15 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 6 00 |
| Beaver Dam, Bladen, | 8 10 |
| Cross Roads, | 10 02 |
| Macedonia, Bladen, | 5 00 |
| Mt. Tabor, | 5 00 |
| Simon Sasser, | 1 00 |

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| Pleasant Plains, | $10 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 10 00 |
| Mt. Sinai, | 5 00 |
| White Marsh, | 5 00 |
| Western Prong, | 15 00 |
| Brier Branch, | 10 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 15 00 |
| Shiloh, | 5 00 |
| White Lake, | 10 00 |
| Shady Grove, | 10 00 |
| Bethel, | 5 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 10 00 |
| Mill Creek, | 5 00 |
| New Britain, | 5 00 |
| Shallotte, | 5 00 |
| Union, | 5 00 |
| Friendship, | 3 50 |
| Cape Fear, | 6 89 |
| Cedar Creek, | 10 00 |
| Concord, | 5 00 |
| Piney Grove, | 10 00 |
| Rock Fish, | 5 25 |
| Bear Swamp, | 8 00 |
| Honey Camp, | 5 00 |
| Macedonia, S. C., | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| Lumberton, | 3 00 |
| John Todd, | 1 00 |
| John H. Stanaland, | 1 00 |
| John Meares, | 1 00 |
| H. Wilkinson, | 1 00 |

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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| Arthur Melvin, | $30 90 |
| John B. Thompson, | 30 00 |
| John N. McCall, | 30 00 |
| Robert McRackan, | 30 00 |
| Furney Prevatt, | 30 00 |
| W. Ayers, | 30 00 |
| | $524 26 |

B. FREEMAN, Chairman.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

| Counties and Churches. | Names of Delegates. | Baptized. | Received by Letters. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Total. | Association Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robeson. | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Wm. Ayers, R. Atkinson, Colin Williams, | 22 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 245 | $3 00 |
| Antioch, | J. W. Smith, Eli Wishart, J. A. Rozier, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 154 | 2 00 |
| Big Branch, | Bright Williams, Z. Bullock, W. B. Bullard, | 4 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 125 | 2 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | *Elias D. Johnson*, Isham Stone, Elias Ivey, | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 71 | 1 50 |
| Back Swamp, | A. J. Thompson, H. Inmans, Jacob Thomson, | 34 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 141 | 2 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | Joseph Rally, Joseph Biggs, W. W. Powell, | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 1 50 |
| Providence, | J. H. Cobb, P. C. Connelly, J. E. Cobb, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 46 | 1 25 |
| Raft Swamp, | Charles Staten, Jas. Brevatt, Jas. Davis, | 31 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 63 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | Norman Martin, R. S. Moore, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 73 | 1 50 |
| Lumberton, | H. T. Pope, D. D. Gunn, B. Freeman, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 1 00 |
| Columbus. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Henry Best, Wm. Ward, John Mercer, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 77 | 1 25 |
| Cherry Grove, | Not represented by Delegates, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 119 | 2 00 |
| Cross Roads, | J. E. Lennon, J. M. Lennon, F. Lennon, | 16 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 82 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | Lewis Williamson, J. P. Watters, W. W. Brown, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | John Todd, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 |
| Mt. Moriah, | Unrepresented, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 |
| Mt. Tabor, | John Harrelson, Lot C. Mills, B. Y. Hinson, | 7 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 94 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Zion, | John Dew, Thomas Penny, David Batton, | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, J. M. Gore, N. Steevens, | 33 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 147 | 2 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | J. G. Powell, Marvin D. Godwin, Amos Coleman, | 26 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 208 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | W. Frink, Thomas Thompson, J. H. Toller, | 12 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 62 | 2 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | R. F. Martin, James Long, Jonathan Gore, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Sinai, | E. H. Todd, S. Harrelson, J. W. Harrelson, | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 51 | 1 00 |
| White Marsh, | Jas. Batten, Elisha Creech, Levi Dew, | 5 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 30 | 1 00 |

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| Western Prong, | H. Lennon, J. C. Powell, Robert McRackan, | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 2 00 |
| BLADEN. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | E. Hall, E. B. Rollins, N. Jones, | 24 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 181 | 2 00 |
| Shady Grove, | John H. Thompson, S. Thompson, R. Mason, | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 1 00 |
| Brier Branch, | W. T. Jessup, J. N. McCall, D. R. Cain, | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 160 | 2 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessums, D. Singletary, Willis Allen, | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 2 25 |
| Shiloh, | John Monroe, D. Salmon, T. L. Crosslin, | 10 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 107 | 2 00 |
| White Lake, | K. Carroll, W. H Russ, Wm, Cashwell, | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 1 00 |
| BRUNSWICK. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | Joel Reaves, Levi Swain, Lewis Wescoat, | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 48 | 1 50 |
| Beulah, | Not represented, | | | | | | | | |
| Cheerful Hope, | *E. Smith*, G. W. Lennon, J. Nye, | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 72 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | Not represented, | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Wm. Willets, S. B. Robbins, Thomas Robbins Jr., | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 36 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | J. W. Phelps, P. C. Milligan, | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 110 | 1 50 |
| Shallotte, | Wm. M. Ments, D. K. Ments, Jabes Frink, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 93 | 1 00 |
| Union, | Robert Woodsides, Prior Lewis, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 50 |
| Friendship, | R. R. Millican, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 50 |
| CUMBERLAND. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | N. H. Jones, J. McMillan, James Plummer, | 28 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 234 | 3 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | Arthur Melvin, Wm. Hollingsworth, D. P. West, | 15 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1.5 | 2 00 |
| Concord, | Hardy Jones, Wm. AHo n, John Riley, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 112 | 1 50 |
| Piney Grove, | James Guy, Samuel Cain, Wm. H. Melvin, | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 1 00 |
| WILMINGTON. | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange St., | A. Paul Repiton, John B. Barlow, | 2 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 111 | 2 00 |
| MARION DIS. S. C., | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | Noel Bullock, M. Watson, T. W. Ayers, | 12 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 211 | 2 95 |
| HORRY DIS. S. C., | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | Jesse Rogers, Alfred Jernigan, E. Harrelson, | 18 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 118 | 1 50 |
| Little River, | | | | | | | | | |
| Macedonia, | J. J. Ludlum, L. Jarrold, J. M. Hardy, | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 50 |
| Buck Creek, | | | | | | | | | 1 00 |
| United Church, | J. B. Edge, W. L. Dubois, J. M. King, | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 69 | 1 00 |
| Simpson's Creek, | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Branch, | E. H Parker, Henry Enzor, Alva Smith, | 22 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 155 | 3 00 |
| Spring Field, | William Hughs, John W. Thompson, John Hughes, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 37 | 1 00 |

## A DIGEST

*Of the state of Religion in the Association as indicated by the Church Letters :*

*Antioch*—Has been well supplied with preaching ; and is making continual progress in discipline and piety.—Elder HAYNES LENNON is Pastor.

*Ashpole*—Has had an addition of seventeen by baptism.—Elder WM. AYERS is Pastor.

*Rock Swamp*—Says the Lord has graciously poured out his Holy Spirit upon them, and revealed his work of grace.—Elder P. C. CONNELLY is Pastor.

*Bear Swamp*—Has lost several of her most pious members by death ; yet, they mourn not as those who have no hope. They have had several accessions to the church.—Elder JESSE ROGERS is Pastor.

*Beaver Dam, Bladen*—Has had a gracious revival of religion—when many were made to inquire the way to Zion, and a goodly number added by baptism.—Elder FURNEY PREVATT is Pastor.

*Beaver Dam, Columbus*—Communicates nothing of importance, other than the abounding of peace and love.—Elder A. M. NOBLE is Pastor.

*Big Branch*—Has nothing of special interest.—Elder Z. BULLOCK is Pastor.

*Brier Branch*—Is in peace and love.—Elder JAMES CASHWELL is Pastor.

*Bethel*—Is in a state of coldness.—Elder WM. AYERS is Pastor.

*Cross Roads.*—Is looking forward to a plentiful harvest.—Elder HAYNES LENNON is Pastor.

*Concord*—Feels that they have abundant reasons to be thankful, in that they have felt their inward strength renewed.—Elder REUBEN FISHER is Pastor.

*Cheerful Hope*—Is in good order, and has had some additions.—Elder GEORGE W. LENNON is Pastor.

*Cape Fear*—Is in peace.—Elder HUGH McALPIN is Pastor.

*Cedar Creek*—Has had an outpouring of the spirit of all grace for two successive years.—Elder FURNEY PREVATT is Pastor.

*Friendship*—Is in peace, but speaks of being in a needy, weak condition.—Elder JOEL BENNETT is Pastor.

*Hickory Grove*—Is in a prosperous condition, having had several added to the church.—Elder HAYNES LENNON is Pastor.

*Macedonia, Columbus*—Has had a goodly number added to the church, and an improvement in discipline.—Elder Z. BULLOCK is Pastor.

*Macedonia, S. C.*—Has had additions to her number.—Elder Z. BULLOCK is Pastor.

*Mt. Eliam*—Is in peace and harmony.—Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

*Mt. Tabor*—Is thanking God for what they have witnessed.—Elder John Harrelson is Pastor.

*Mt Sinai*—Is in good order, and has large and attentive congregations.—Elder John Harrelson is Pastor.

*Mt. Zion*—Is in great destitution. They are as sheep without a shepherd, having no one to go in and out before them. Their case is a deplorable one; such as should commend itself to the aid, the prayers, and sympathies of their brethren. May they have all these! They have no Pastor.

*Mill Creek*—Communicates nothing.—Elder G. W. Lennon is Pastor.

*Lumberton*—Has just been constituted.

*New Britain*—Is in love and union. They are looking forward to an increase in number and spirituality, and desire an interest in the prayers of their brethren.—Elder J. Bennett is Pastor.

*Orange St., Wilmington*—Speaks of having had a long and dreary time. Sometimes, apparently on the very verge of a gracious revival, when, suddenly, those indications would leave them in the same cheerless state. Have had to exercise severe discipline, and they know not that the end is yet come to these depressing influences. They have a Sabbath School.—Elder A. Paul Pepiton is Pastor.

*Porter Swamp*—Has had a large increase to her number.—Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

*Pleasant Plains*—Is in the midst of a gracious revival, in which the spirit of the Almighty is being most signally displayed.—Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

*Providence*—Has nothing special.—Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor.

*Piney Grove*—They bless God for his goodness and mercy shown them through the past year.—Elder D. S. Williams is Pastor.

*Pleasant Grove*—Has regular and attentive congregations, which encourages them to hope for better times.—Elder D. B. Ayers is Pastor.

*Pleasant Hill*—Has had a gracious revival.—Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

*Raft Swamp*—Is in an excellent condition, having had a glorious revival, when twenty-seven were added by baptism.—Elder J. Stone is Pastor.

*Rockfish*—Has had a visitation of the Holy Spirit.—Elder Jas. Cashwell is Pastor.

*Shiloh*—Is in a peaceful and sometimes joyous condition.—Elder J. H. Cobb is Pastor.

*Spring Branch*—Unimportant.—Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

*Shady Grove*—Has had some additions.—Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

*Saddle Tree* —Is in peace and harmony.—Elder Elias Davis is Pastor.

*Shallotte*—Is in peace and harmony.—Elder Wm. M. Mints is Pastor.

*Honey Camp*—Has attentive congregations.—Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

*Union*—Is in peace and has had some additions.—Elder W. Ayers is Pastor.

*White Lake*—Has had some refreshing season, though they are without a Pastor.

*Western Prong*—Is in peace and has had some additions.—Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

*White Marsh*—Is in love and peace.—Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

*United Church*—Is in harmony.—Eld T. G. Rogers is Pastor.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

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| Ayers, Wm. | Fair Bluff, Columbus | Co. | N. | C. |
| Ayers, D. B. | Lumberton, Robeson | " | " | " |
| Bullard, W. B. | " " | " | " | " |
| Bullock, Zadok | Fair Bluff, Columbus | " | " | " |
| Bennett, Joel | Shalloate, Brunswick | " | " | " |
| Cashwell, James | Grays Creek, Cumberland | " | " | " |
| Connelly, P. C. | Mt. Pelier, Richmond | " | " | " |
| Davis, Elias | Lumberton, Robeson | " | " | " |
| Dusenbury, Sam'l | Bucksville, Horry | Dis., | S. | C. |
| Hill, G. W. | Whiteville, Columbus | Co., | N. | C. |
| Fisher, Reuben | Owenville, Bladen | " | " | " |
| Hall, Averitt | " " | " | " | " |
| Honrine, J. T. | Fayetteville, Cumberland | " | " | " |
| Lennon, Geo. W. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick | " | " | " |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus | " | " | " |
| Mints, W. M. | Shalloate, Brunswick | " | " | " |
| Noble, A. N. | Cerro Gordo, Columbus | " | " | " |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, Robeson | " | " | " |
| Stone, Isham | " " | " | " | " |
| Smith, Thomas | Owensville, Bladen | " | " | " |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus | " | " | " |
| Repiton, A. Paul | Wilmington, | " | " | " |

## LICENSED MINISTERS.

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| Bullock, Noel | Leesville, Robeson | Co. | N. | C. |
| Harrelson, John | Whiteville, Columbus | " | " | " |
| Johnson, Elias D. | Lumberton, Robeson | " | " | " |
| Sessums, R. M. | Smith's Bridge, | " | " | " |
| Smith, E. | Black Rock, Brunswick | " | " | " |

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Robt. M. McRackan, Treasurer of Cape Fear Baptist Association:

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| To amt. sent up by the churches, | | $76 20 |
| Due Treasurer, | | |
| Contra. | | |
| By amt. paid for printing minutes, | —— | |
| " " " Clerk, | $20 00 | |
| Cash paid by Clerk to finish printing minutes of 1854, | 19 13 | |

Respectfully submitted,
ROBT. M. McRACKAN, Treasurer.

Robt. M. McRackan, Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board in Cape Fear Baptist Association:

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| Dr. to amt. from Com. Finance, | | $524 26 |
| " " sent up subsequently, | | 18 00 |
| Collection on Sabbath, | | 16 50 |
| (Due Tr. $9 11-100,) | | $558 76 |
| Contra. | | |
| By amt. paid F. Prevatt, | $199 75 | |
| " " " W. B. Bullard, | 131 10 | |
| " " " P. C. Connelly, | 183 00 | |
| " " " N. B. Ayers, | 17 00 | |
| " " " Wm. Ayers, | 30 00 | |
| | $560 85 | |
| To cash paid by R. M. McRackan to finish paying missionaries at session of 1854, | | 7 02 |
| | | $567 87 |

Respectfully submitted,
ROBT. M. McRACKAN, Treasurer.

## ORDINATION.

We the committee on examination of candidates for the christian ministry, report as follows. Having listened with interest to a relation of the christian experience, and call to the ministry of brethren Johnson and Sessoms, recommend them to ordination on condition, that they study as far as possible to show themselves approved unto God; and workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

P. C. CONNELLY, Chairman.

## SPECIAL CHANGES.

In January last, it pleased the Lord to take to himself our beloved brother Moses Meares, of the Antioch church. He was connected with that church nearly twenty-five years, and for a considerable portion of that time officiated as a Deacon. His duties he carefully studied and sought every opportunity to please his divine Master. His mind was ever in motion—few men in our Association manifested more anxiety for the prosperity of Zion, or the salvation of sinners. Truly he was a shining light before his brethren, and to the wicked a terror. Not many persons for the last dozen years that fell in his company, escaped hearing something about the Bible and its precious doctrines. Surely, Antioch church has lost one of her most indefatigable members, and the Association a devoted christian. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

H. L.

The following persons paid the sums annexed to their names for the Endowment of Wake Forest College:

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| Elder A. Paul Repiton, - - - - | $12 50 |
| W. Frink, - - - - - - | 12 50 |
| John Harrelson, - - - - | 12 50 |
| B. Williams, - - - - | 25 00 |
| J. A. Rozier, - - - - - | 25 00 |
| Richard Wooten, - - - - | 15 00 |
| R. M. McRackan, - - - - - | 15 00 |
| T. S. Memory, - - - - | 12 50 |
| Elder F. Prevatt, - - - - | 25 00 |
| " G. W. Lennon, - - - | 12 50 |
| " Wm. Ayres, - - - - | 12 50 |
| J. B. Thompson, - - - - | 25 00 |
| A. F. Powell, - - - - - | 25 00 |
| S. B. Stanaland, - - - - | 12 50 |
| Alva Smith, - - - - - | 12 50 |
| | $255 00 |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

CAPE FEAR CHURCH,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C.,

October 23, 24, 25, 26,

1856.

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# MINUTES.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1856.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder Haynes Lennon, from Jeremiah, 6th chapter and 16th verse.

After an intermission of ten minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the Divine direction invoked by Brother W. Ayers.

A majority of the Churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brethren J. A. Rozier, A. Melvin and F. Lennon a Committee of Finance.

After the reading of Letters and recording the names of Delegates, the Officers were elected, viz: Elder Haynes Lennon, Moderator; Rob't M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer; and J. A. Rozier, Assistant Clerk.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats with us: when Bro. Mitchel, Agent for Wake Forest College; Bro. George Reaves, Messenger with Minutes from the Welsh Neck; and Brethren A. B. Alderman, Solomon Boykin and H. McAlpin, with a Letter from the Union Association, presented themselves and took seats with us. Our old and much esteemed Brother, S. Mims, also took a seat with us.

Bros. G. W. Hill, W. Frink and Joel Bennet were appointed a Committee to investigate a complaint made by Bro. P. P. Ginwright, of the Seven Creeks Church, by visiting the Church or otherwise, and report to the next session of this body.

Brethren J. Toller, J. A. Rozier, G. Warwick, J. Plummer, A. Melvin, G. Williams and N. H. Jones were appointed a Committee to supply the Stage.

Brethren A. Melvin, F. Lennon and J. A. Rozier were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

The members of the Cape Fear Church were requested to act as a Vigilance Committee.

Adjourned to Friday morning, 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder A. B. Alderman.

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FRIDAY, 9½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Prayer by Elder Elias Davis, after reading and singing by the Moderator.

Committee of Arrangements reported. Report made the order of the day.

The Letters of Churches not represented on yesterday were called for. A letter from Saddle Tree was received, and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

An invitation was extended to visiting Brethren and Ministers to present themselves and take seats with us.

Elders A. Paul Repiton, P. C. Conoly and William Ayers were appointed a Committee to examine Candidates for Ordination.

Brethren A. F. Powell, Richard Moore, F. Prevat, J. T. Honrine and Eli Wishart were appointed a Committee to select Messengers and nominate Brethren to write Letters to Corresponding Associations.

The next session of the Association will be held at the Cross (Big Swamp) Roads Church, commencing at 10 o'clock on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October 1857. Elder Furney Prevat to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Wm. Bullard as Alternate. Elder P. C. Conoly to preach at 12 o'clock on Sabbath; Elder Wm. Ayers as Alternate. And Elder A. Paul Repiton to preach on Adoption.

A letter from the Buck Creek Church being received, announcing its dissolution, it was directed that the name of Buck Creek be stricken from the list of Churches.

Elders D. B. Ayers, R. M. Sessoms and G. W. Hill were appointed a Committee to select subjects and writers for the next Association.

Resolved, That Elders D. B. Ayers, G. W. Hill, Furney Prevat and H. Lennon be appointed a Committee, by the Association, to inquire into the state of all the Churches unrepresented in its jurisdiction; encourage their continuance when deemed expedient so to do; aid Brethren and Sisters, who are worthy among them, to obtain regular letters of dismission when it can be done, and where this is impossible, to give such letters of recommendation to regular Baptist Churches within our bounds; and report their action, with all the facts in the premises, for the final action of this body.

Resolved, That the above Committee correspond with the Domestic Mission Board in regard to supplying the above places with preaching as far as possible, and other matters that will or may tend to further the cause of Christ in the region of such Churches. [The Committee is requested to visit the Beaver Dam Church, Columbus.]

*Quere from the United Church*—We have several fisheries in this vicinity, that are employed in fishing from the 1st of September to the last of November. Is it consistent with Gospel order for a member of a Church to engage in such and fish on the Sabbath? If not, please inform us in your Minutes what steps should be taken with a member persisting in the aforesaid crime.

*Answer*—It is the unanimous opinion of this body, that the principle involved in such a practice is a direct violation of the Word of God, and subjects the perpetrators to discipline.

Ordered, that 2000 copies of the Minutes be printed

Ordered, that the Clerk receive Twenty Dollars for his services.

The Association made way for the Domestic Mission Board, at 12 o'clock noon, and resumed its session at 2 o'clock P. M.

Brother Samuel Jarvis, from the Honey Camp Church, being present without a Letter, his name was enrolled as a Delegate

The Clerk of a meeting held at the Cross Roads Church, to consider the propriety of establishing an Associational School, reported verbally. Report received.

Brethren H. Lennon, R. M. McRackan and Eli Wishart were appointed a Committee to report on to-morrow the practicability of establishing an Associational School.

*Quere*—What disposition shall be made of a member of the Church who never contributes any thing to the support of the Gospel?

*Answer*—That he be exhorted to benevolence, and in the event he still refuses to contribute to its support, that he should be disciplined for covetousness.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock Saturday. Prayer by Elder Mitchel.

SATURDAY, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Prayer by Elder D. B. Ayers, after reading and singing by the Moderator.

An invitation was extended to visiting Brethren. Bro. A. M. Poindexter, Corresponding Sec'y B. F. Missions of Southern Baptist Convention, took a seat with us.

Committee of Arrangements reported. Report received and made the order of the day.

The Moderator was directed to take the necessary steps for the collection of the balance due on the subscription to Wake Forest College.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported. Report received, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered. On which subject and at this time Bro. Poindexter delivered a suitable address.

The Report on Foreign Missions was re-committed, to enable the Committee to enlarge upon the subject, and in the event of its unreadiness for the Association, to be handed to the Clerk for insertion in the Minutes.

Bible Society reported. Report received and its appendage ordered. The following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That the Churches within our bounds be called upon and urged to form Societies auxiliary to the Bible Society now under the patronage of this Association.

Committee on Publication Society reported. Report received and its appendage ordered.

Committee on Colportage reported. Report received and its appendage ordered.

Baptist State Convention and Temperance Reports received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Association gave way to the Domestic Mission Board at 12 o'clock noon.

Resumed its session at 2 o'clock P. M.

Committee of Finance reported $74 95 for Minute Fund. Report received.

The Committee on the establishing of an Associational School reported. Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the propriety of establishing an Associational School be submitted to the several Churches in this Association, for their mature consideration during the ensuing year, and that they express in their Letters, at the next session of this body, their opinions thereon, with a view to acting at that time.

Committee on the appointment of Messengers, &c. reported. Report received and its appendage ordered.

Brethren A. F. Powell and W. J. Stanaland were appointed to audit the Treasurer's account with the Association.

Bro. James McDaniel was invited to a seat with us, but could not remain on account of pressing business.

Committee to select subjects reported. Report received and its appendage ordered.

Committee on Wake Forest College reported. Report received and its appendage ordered. At which time Bro. Mitchel addressed us on the subject of the College.

Committee to audit the Treasurer's account reported.

A contribution was made by the Brethren generally to pay a balance due the Treasurer, ($42 .93.)

Resolved, That it is expedient and desirable that the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the denomination in the State, receive a more extensive circulation within our bounds, and that the claims of this paper to Baptist support be brought more prominently before the members of the Churches within our bounds.

Resolved, That we recommend to the consideration of the members of this Association, and request their subscription to The Commission, and Home and Foreign Journal, Missionary Periodicals, published in Richmond, Virginia, by Elder A. M. Poindexter.

The thanks of the Association were most respectfully tendered to the neighborhood, for the hospitality extended to them during its session.

Elder Poindexter to preach to-morrow evening.

The collection taken up on to-morrow to be appropriated to Domestic Missions.

Prayer by Elder Poindexter.

## SABBATH.

Elder P. C. Conoly addressed the congregation at 10½ o'clock A. M., from 1st Thessalonians, 4th chapter, 3d verse: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

Elder A. Paul Repiton followed immediately after, with a discourse from Luke, 7th chapter, 37th and 38th verses: "And behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster-box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment."

After a short intermission, we were addressed by Elder A. M. Poindexter of Richmond, Virginia, on the subject of Foreign Missions, from Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

HAYNES LENNON, Moderator.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN, Clerk.

# DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

FRIDAY, 12 O'CLOCK—NOON.

The Board went into session.

Brethren Giles Williams and P. C. Conoly were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Elder Haynes Lennon was elected President, and Rob't M. McRackan Clerk and Treasurer.

Reports were called for.

Elders Wm. and D. B. Ayers reported, as Itinerants. Their Reports received, and their appendage to the Minutes ordered.

Brethren J. A. Rozier, E. Wishart, F. Lennon, Wm. J. Stanaland and A. F. Powell were appointed a Committee to procure the services of Itinerants.

The Committee of Finance was directed to pay to the Treasurer the funds in hand.

Brethren A. F. Powell and Wm. J. Stanaland were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

Adjourned to Saturday, 12 o'clock M.

SATURDAY, 12 O'CLOCK.

Board in session.

Committee of Finance reported as having received for Missionary purposes $307 70, which Report was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Committee appointed to audit Treasurer's account reported $9 11 due the Treasurer.

Treasurer directed to pay the Missionaries.

The Committee appointed to procure services of Itinerants reported. Report referred to the Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee was appointed to attend to any unsettled business of the Board. The Committee to consist of Elders H. Lennon, W. B. Bullard and J. Stone, and Brethren B. Freeman, F. Lennon, G. Warwick, A. F. Powell, R. Wooten and Rob't M. McRackan.

The Board directs the Executive Committee to pay to Itinerants One Dollar ard Fifty Cents per day, if they deem it expedient.

HAYNES LENNON, President.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN, Clerk.

# APPENDIX.

## SUBJECTS TO WRITE ON.

The Committee appointed to select subjects, and designate individuals to write thereon, submit the following Report, viz:

On Ministerial Education—A. P. Repiton and J. B. Barlow.
On Foreign Missions—R. M. McRackan and J. C. Powell.
Bible Societies—P. C. Conoly and J. B. Thompson.
Sabbath Schools—E. Wishart and J. A. Rozier.
Publication Societies—G. W. Lennon and J. W. Woodsides.
Colportage—J. C. Powell and F. A. Powell.
Baptist State Convention—J. Hollingsworth and A. N. Williamson.
Temperance—S. Dusenberry and T. W. Ayers.
Extension of Domestic Missions—W. Ayres, D. N. Page and D. B. Ayers.

## BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Dear Brethren: In the performance of a great work three things are necessary. First, to raise the means when they do not exist; secondly, to secure and prepare the proper instruments; and, thirdly, a judicious application of the same. This care is needful in works of architecture, agriculture, or whatever else we engage in; and if we turn to the work of building up the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth, and producing fruit to the honor and glory of God, we find that it loses none of its importance or utility.

This great work the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina proposes to endeavor to accomplish. By reference to the 2d Article of the Constitution we find, that the primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men, called of God to the Gospel Ministry, and approved by the Churches to which they belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of the State; and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of Missions in general. In carrying out these objects the Convention is now actively engaged. They keep an Agent in the field collecting funds for the support of the Missionaries laboring for it, and the education of young men called of God to the Gospel Ministry—of which there are nine now pursuing their studies at Wake Forest College, preparatory to their entrance upon the Ministry. At Charlotte, a Church has been constituted, and a new commodious house of worship completed, through the indefatigable labors of Bro. R. B. Jones, a Missionary of the Convention; while other Ministers have been appointed to preach at Wadesborough, Goldsborough, Lumberton, Franklinton, Henderson and Tarborough, the present year. Some have been supplied with preaching twice a month, and the balance monthly; while there are other important places in the State destitute of Baptist preaching, of which we might mention Greensborough, Salisbury, Beaufort, Chapel Hill and Washington, and which are now very properly occupying the attention of the Convention.

Thus, my Brethren, have we glanced hastily at the work in which we are engaged, and the broad field now lying before us already white for the harvest. But it may be objected, that the Convention interferes with the rights of Associations, and that the different Associations might supply the destitution within their own borders. The Convention proposes to unite with individuals, societies, Churches and Associations, in carrying out its objects; and thus we see by uniting our means, concentrating our energies, and acting in harmony, we may accomplish that which it is impossible for Churches or Associations to do. And again, it has a tendency to unite the brotherhood throughout the State, and produce uniformity of sentiment and feeling, showing an undivided front—an invincible and unconquerable attitude before the world. Shall we, my Christian Brethren, after taking a view of the scene before us, fold our hands together in apathy, and unheed the Macedonian cry which is wafted on every breeze, from the mountains of Western Carolina to the Atlantic plains, and from the borders of the Old Dominion to the Palmetto State: while thousands are perishing for the bread of life, and daily passing into the spirit land unprepared to meet their God: while in our midst such mighty efforts are made in every branch of industry, and such great improvements made in the arts and sciences to increase the wealth, intelligence and prosperity of our State? We may improve our farms, make additions in every branch of mechanical industry, and build our mighty rail roads, but what will it avail us if the one thing needful is neglected, and our people unsanctified by religion? These are but baits to lure our souls to destruction, without that grand corrective furnished only by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us then, my Brethren, act unitedly, and seek every advantage that may be had in publishing the story of the Cross to every creature,—hastening, as much as in us lies, the glorious time when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. HILL.

## PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee respectfully report the following:

The time has arrived when we should no longer theorize upon the subject of Publications, but go into immediate action in promoting this, one of the best of causes. Incalculable good has been done by means of the press. Since we, as a denomination, have given our energies, our talents, and our means to a limited extent, in having publicity given to our sentiments, our success has been unprecedented. Among other sources of improvement in this respect, we particularly recommend to your consideration the Biblical Recorder. And we would enjoin, especially, that no support should be extended to any Publications but those which are strictly Baptist in their character.

Respectfully, P. C. CONOLY, Chairman.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Committee report, that an educated Ministry is of the very first importance. A Minister, by right, occupies the highest position in life. He is an ambassador of the living God to his fellows, to instruct them in the way of salvation, to lead them through a world beset with difficulties, to advise them of these dangers, and to enable them, by the instructions given, to cultivate those dispositions which will befit them for respectability here and felicity hereafter.

It is manifest from such considerations that he ought to have every possible facility granted him, that he may be enabled to teach those that look to him for instruction,—and all look to him, for his calling implies that he is, or ought to be, possessed of such qualifications, and study to show himself approved of God, a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully,

G. W. LENNON.

## COLPORTAGE.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Colportage, respectfully present the following, viz:

When we reflect on the magnitude of the work and the little that has been done, we are forced to exclaim that we have been unprofitable servants. When the system of Colportage was first adopted we have no data to determine. History informs us that Wickliff distributed his translation of the Bible by this system, and from that time to the present the work has been going on with more or less success. The Baptists are behind all other Christian denominations in this work. The Methodist preachers, to a man, are Colporteurs, and to this we can justly attribute their growth in numbers, and the vast quantity of books throughout the land. This remark applies with equal force to all Pedo-Baptist denominations. Let us look to the reports of Colporteurs of the Tract Society in our own State, and learn to be up and doing, for there is a mighty work before us. The Cape Fear Association is now a half century old, and having never engaged in this important work, as we are aware of, it behooves us to bestir ourselves and give our best energies to it. The N. C. Publication Society, Raleigh, the Publication Society, Charleston, Graves & Co., Nashville, besides a number of others in New York and Philadelphia, are so many fountains from which supplies can be had, that we are left without excuse in the procurement of books of a denominational character. How shall this work be furthered? is a question presenting itself. And as an answer, we would suggest that every Itinerant act as a Colporteur as far as possible. This might prevent their preaching as many sermons as they otherwise would, but we believe a greater good would result by visiting families, holding religious conversations, engaging in prayer, selling books where they could, and giving small works where they were unable to purchase. They suggest, too, that every Pastor should visit every family in his Church at least once a year—be furnished with books, and if he should find himself unable to do this, let him call upon some brother to aid in their disposal.

The next question is, how are the books and tracts to be obtained? If we understand the object of the creation of the N. C. Publication Society, it was to furnish Colporteurs with books, that our principles might be disseminated and properly understood by every one. To attain this end, we recommend that our Pastors, whatever position they occupy, whether they are stationed or travel, should procure books and pay as they sell them. We believe that the books could be had on time, from any publishing establishment, by the Association becoming responsible to the establishment, and the Colporteur becoming responsible to the Association.

We invite the attention of the Churches to this matter, and request that they raise a fund for this purpose, to be paid at the next Association.

Our brethren in every direction are up and doing, and the Lord is blessing their labors. We hear of the work progressing mightily in the great west, and across the broad water in Catholic countries. Bro. Orcken and his companions are working with a zeal suited to the great cause. Let us follow in the footsteps of these champions of the Cross, by at once entering upon the work, for the night cometh speedily when no man can work.

May the Almighty direct you in that way that will aid in the promotion of truth.

Respectfully submitted.

ELI WISHART.

## BIBLE SOCIETIES.

Your Committee on Bible Societies beg leave to report the following, viz:

The Bible, which is the Word of God, is the moral luminary of the world, from which all the enterprises for the religious improvement of man derive light, heat and energy. It is the centre, around which every movement in the whole system of human efforts for evangelizing the world revolves. Remove the Bible, and all the operations of this system will soon cease, and relapse into heathenish darkness and superstition. Hence every effort for the circulation of the Bible should take the precedence among the reforms for the melioration of the condition of mankind. Bible Societies, therefore, occupy the highest position among the various benevolent institutions which so specially distinguish and dignify the present age. Their object is the diffusion of God's Word, which furnishes the only sure directory in the all-important matter of the soul's eternal salvation, and the only infallible rule in matters of religious faith and practice. It is, then, of paramount importance that this Word should be circulated, not only among our own countrymen, but that it should be distributed throughout the length and breadth of our earth, purely and correctly translated to every people. In view of these considerations and many others, Baptists, who constantly appeal to the Word of God, and it only, as the authority for their faith and practice, should be foremost in every proper endeavor to have this Word in correct translations distributed among their fellows.

For this purpose they should unitedly and vigorously engage in forming Bible Societies, and carrying on their operations as far as practicable.

We therefore suggest, that every Church form a Bible Society, as an auxiliary to the one connected with this Association, and to send their funds to it, to be disposed of as the Associational Society may think best. Thus the funds of the parent Society will be greatly increased, and the movement receive a new impetus. The mighty river is formed by the mingled waters of many tributaries; all pouring into its channel swell it until its banks are overflowed. In like manner these auxiliary Societies, sending their several contributions into the treasury of your Society, would increase its funds to an amount that would enable it to extend its operations far beyond the ordinary limits.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM AYERS.

## WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

Wake Forest College is still in a prosperous condition. The number of Students in the College department is larger than it has ever been, and the prospects of the institution were never more flattering than now.

During the present session the College has been blest with a revival, and upwards of twenty of the Students have been brought to a knowledge of the truth.

The endowment is steadily progressing. About nine thousand dollars have been subscribed this year.

There are now nine beneficiaries in the College—pious young men, who are looking forward to the Gospel Ministry. There are others anxious to avail themselves of the advantages of a regular College course, but the institution is not able to receive them now.

We hope that it will soon be placed on a permanent basis—that the endowment will be completed, and that the College will soon be able to give gratuitous tuition to all our young men who are studying with a view to the Gospel Ministry, provided they come approved by their respective Churches.

Respectfully submitted.

HAYNES LENNON.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully submit the following Report:

The importance of Sabbath Schools no one will doubt. All of our Churches ought to know, that a well conducted, a well attended School, has been a blessing to the Church and neighborhood wherever they have been organized and continued. We believe, in such an institution, an opportunity is afforded to Ministers of the Gospel, and lay members, male and female, of our Churches, to give instruction that otherwise would never be given or received.

We are of the opinion that the mind of man, naturally, does not love the Word of God, and it would seem, judging the future by the past, that a surer and readier way to beget a desire in the rising generation for the reading of the Book of books cannot be adopted than the blessed institution of Sabbath Schools affords. There are libraries prepared expressly for the instruction and encouragement of children. These libraries are cheap and can be easily obtained by all of our Churches, and used to the greatest possible advantage.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would earnestly recommend, that all our Churches take a deeper interest in Sabbath Schools, both for their own prosperity and for the lasting good of the rising generation.

J. H. COBB.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

Rob't M. McRackan, Treasurer.

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| 1856. | To am't sent by the Churches for Minute Fund, | | $74 95 |
| " | " contributed by Delegates for arrearages of 1854 and 1855, | | 42 93 |
| " | " Collected on Sabbath for Missions, | | 58 00 |
| | | | $175 88 |
| | CONTRA. | | |
| | By am't reimbursed Treas'r for 1854, | $19 13 | |
| | " " " " " 1855, | 23 80 | |
| | " " paid Clerk for services, | 20 00 | |
| | " " " printing these Minutes, | 60 00 | $122 93 |
| | Balance paid Treas'r of D. M. Board, | | $52 95 |

Respectfully submitted.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN, Treas'r.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD IN CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Rob't M. McRackan, Treasurer.

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| 1856. | To cash of J. N. McCall, (Life Membership,) | | $30 00 |
| | " collections as reported by Com. Finance, | | 307 70 |
| | " am't from Treas'r C. F. Association, | | 52 95 |
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| | " " paid D. B. Ayers, | 240 80 | |
| | " " " William Ayers, | 95 00 | $344 91 |
| | By am't now in hands of Treasurer, | | $45 74 |

Respectfully submitted.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN.

## TEMPERANCE.

In presenting a Report upon the subject assigned me at the last session of your body, I do not know that I could serve the cause of Temperance better than by adducing the following extract from the Word of God: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." "Who hath wo? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."

Let us look back a few years and trace their history. See that young, lovely and blooming girl—health, pleasure and happiness sparkling in her eyes—graceful in her person and motion—the centre of attraction around whom admiring ones cluster. The idol, the only daughter of loved and devoted parents. Her cup of happiness, *how full!* Behold that fine, manly, noble, erect figure by her side. He has gained her affections. Soon he is to vow to cherish, protect and love her. He is honorable and highminded in all his actions and transactions. Descended from noble parentage. His society is courted; friends (of whom he has many) greet him with the warmest welcome. He marries, and mingles in the festivities created for their entertainment. He joins his friends (*so called*) in a social glass of wine; evening after evening it is repeated, until the round of hymenial convivialities is ended. His associates are met, and in the fashionable "Saloons," "Restaurants," and "Our Houses," (decent names for sinks of iniquity and death.) Here the social glass is repeated, until a habit is formed that becomes *his master.* Time passes; he is stripped of wealth and employment by that all-destroying monster, and we soon see him the *inmate of that hovel.* Look now at that lovely being who left her doting parents to be his bosom companion, and to share his love and protection. Her cheeks no longer blooming with health, but pale and emaciated, with sorrow and anguish, such as woman's heart alone is heir to, impressed on every part. Her person is clad in the miserable garb of abject poverty. He, who promised to love, cherish, protect and support her, is now her tyrant and oppressor, and the demon of her existence. Where are now their friends? The grave hides from view heart-broken parents, and the drunkard's friends, where are they? They have forsaken him. Go to the wretched hovel of the poor inebriate. See the *half-starved*, and *not half-clad*, but miserable inmates. Behold a once cherished and beloved companion and children maltreated, and even butchered, by him who holds the endearing name of *husband*, *father* and *protector*. Then you will be prepared to give an answer to the question, "*Who hath wo?*" &c. Behold yon motley crowd where contentious ire rages! and what do you see? Bacchus' maniac drenching his hand in his brother's blood. And where does the scene end? Either in a *penitentiary* or under the *gallows*. Brother Moderator and Brethren, while these are living realities of the use of alcoholic drinks, and are known and read of all men, does it not seem strange that *any one,* much less a professing Christian, should either indulge himself or offer it to others? And why should it be necessary to write essays upon such an evil habit? Brethren, friends, and all who indulge in any of the inebriating drinks of the day, dash down the viper ere he inserts his deadly fang. "Touch not, taste not, handle not," the drunkard's potion.

Respectfully submitted.

A. PAUL REPITON.

*Amounts paid to Wake Forest College for Scholarship.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| A. P. Repiton | $12 50 | Wm. Ayers | $12 50 |
| Richard Wooten | 10 00 | A. Smith | 12 50 |
| R. M. McRackan | 10 00 | D. F. Williamson | 12 50 |
| T. S. Memory | 12 50 | S. B. Stanaland | 12 50 |
| G. W. Lennon | 12 50 | | |
| | | | $107 50 |

## REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

### D. B. AYERS' REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Missionary and Colporteur makes the following report:

I commenced travelling on the 13th January, and concluded my labors in the present month, October. During which time I have been almost incessantly engaged in the duties assigned me, visiting all the Churches in the Association as often as possible, and meeting a hearty welcome among the Brethren generally. I have been in several protracted meetings where the Lord appeared to be doing a great work—subjecting many to His converting grace.

Mt. Moriah Church is in a helpless condition and needs the counsel of her sister Churches. Beaver Dam (Columbus County) is in a like condition. Buck Creek Church has dissolved. At Simpson's Creek Church some of the Brethren have taken Letters and gone to other Churches, while those remaining have united with the Anti-Mission Baptists.

I have travelled two hundred and thirty-eight days including rest; missed twelve in consequence of affliction, not including night meetings. Exhortations and Sermons, one hundred and ninety-seven; Baptized seven persons; sold two hundred dollars' worth of books, and gave to destitute persons three dollars' worth of Testaments and Tracts.

My travelling expenses have been two dollars and eighty cents. Received from Beulah Church ten dollars, from Mt. Zion five dollars, and from sundry friends two dollars,—making in all seventeen dollars.

After giving all the glory to God, and blessing Him for His preserving care, I tender my thanks to my dear Brethren whom the Lord has given hearts to be kind to one of their weakest brethren.

D. B. AYERS.

### REPORT OF WILLIAM AYERS.

DEAR BRETHREN: I have been laboring as your Missionary in the Southern part of the Association, and have not failed, as much as was in my power, to defend the cause of the Missionary Baptists at all times; and have reason to think that some good has been done thereby. I have attended some protracted meetings, and have heard some tell what the Lord has done for their souls. I have Baptized 27, and served the Board 95 days, including the rest days allowed. The condition of some of the Churches has been given in the Report of D. B. Ayers.

I have been kindly received wherever my labors have called me. And may the Lord bless the labors that have been done in accordance with His Word, is the prayer of your servant, for Christ's sake.

WM. AYERS.

## REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

The Committee of Finance of the Domestic Mission Board report as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | $16 15 | Cross Roads, | $15 00 |
| Antioch, | 10 00 | Macedonia, Columbus, | 5 00 |
| Big Branch, | 13 40 | Mt. Zion, | 9 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | 2 50 | Pleasant Plains, | 10 00 |
| Back Swamp, | 11 50 | Porter Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | 5 50 | Pleasant Hill, | 10 00 |
| Providence, | 9 00 | Seven Creeks, | 5 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | 5 00 | Western Prong, | 16 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 3 40 | Shady Grove, | 5 00 |
| Lumberton, | 1 00 | Sundry collections, | 18 75 |
| Mt. Sinai, | 5 00 | White Lake, | 7 00 |
| Brier Branch, | 7 00 | Cheerful Hope, | 6 00 |
| Beulah, | 10 00 | New Britain, | 4 00 |
| Samuel B. Robbins, | 2 00 | Cape Fear, | 10 00 |
| Shallotte, | 5 00 | Piney Grove, | 5 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | 5 00 | Bear Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Orange St., | 10 00 | United Church, | 5 00 |
| Little River, | 5 00 | Springfield, | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 10 00 | William Ayers, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Eliza S. Robeson, | 10 00 | | |
| Beaver Dam, Bladen, | 5 00 | Total, | $307 70 |

In the Minutes of last year a mistake occurred, viz: Five dollars are placed against the name of Macedonia Church, Bladen, when it should have been Macedonia, Columbus County.

Mrs. Eliza S. Robeson placed in the hands of the Clerk five dollars for the Southern Baptist Publication Board, which money was given to Bro. Smith of said Board.

## COMMITTEE TO APPOINT MESSENGERS.

Your Committee report as follows:

To the Welsh Neck Association—Norman Martin, J. H. Cobb and Joseph Thompson. P. C. Conoly to write Letter

To the Pee Dee Association—E. D. Johnson, F Prevatt, P. C. Conoly, Alfred R. Pitman and A. J. Thompson. W. J. Stanaland to write Letter.

To the Union Association—A. P. Repiton, H. Lennon, G. W. Lennon, Ewen Johnson and John Monroe. A. P. Repiton to write Letter.

A. F. POWELL, Chairman.

The following persons paid the sums annexed to their names to Bro. Poindexter, on Saturday, as the Agent of Foreign Missions:

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| Rob't M. McRackan | $10 00 | J. M. M. Gore | $5 00 |
| Rev. Haynes Lennon | 10 00 | Rev. H. McAlpin | 2 00 |
| A. F. Powell | 10 00 | N. Martin | 1 00 |
| Giles Williams | 4 00 | Rev. G. W. Hill | 1 00 |
| E. Johnson | 5 00 | Eli Wishart | 1 00 |
| D. B. Ayers | 1 00 | J. A. Rozier | 1 00 |
| A. McMillan | 5 00 | E. D. Mears | 5 00 |
| Pupils Cape Fear Sabbath School | 1 50 | | $62 50 |
| Sabbath Collection | | | 55 25 |
| | | | $117 75 |

*A DIGEST of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Antioch—Presents a fine appearance; is in the enjoyment of peace and harmony, and an efficient discipline is being exercised. She has been blessed with a revival, and a great interest in the cause of Christ is manifested by the Brethren. Elder Haynes Lennon is Pastor.

Ashpole—Is in peace and love. She, too, has had a gracious outpouring of the Spirit, and hopes that the work is yet in progress. She possesses the vital elements of a Christian Church. Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

Back Swamp—Shows, with Antioch and Ashpole, a most pleasant state of things. Has had a gracious revival. Elder P. C. Conoly is Pastor.

Bear Swamp—Has been sharing in the blessed fruits of the Spirit of all grace, having had a revival. Elder Jesse Rogers is Pastor.

Beaver Dam, Bladen—Has had good preaching, with attentive congregations. Is in the enjoyment of peace and harmony. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Beaver Dam, Columbus—Is in a cold state. Elder A. M. Noble is Pastor.

Big Branch—Is in a prosperous condition. Has a Sabbath School in the warm season, which promises usefulness. Has had a glorious revival. Elder Haynes Lennon is Pastor.

Brier Branch—Unimportant. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Cross Roads—Is in a happy condition. Elder H. Lennon, Pastor.

Concord—Has had difficulties, but is hoping for a better state of things. Elder R. Fisher is Pastor.

Cheerful Hope—Uninteresting.

Cape Fear—Is enjoying peace and harmony, and has large and attentive congregations. Elder H. McAlpin, Pastor.

Cedar Creek—Coldness prevails to a lamentable extent. Elder F. Prevatt is their Supply.

Hickory Grove—Is thanking God for the goodness He has manifested through the past year. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Macedonia, Columbus—Presents nothing cheering. Elder Z. Bullock is their Supply.

Mt. Eliam—Is in peace and harmony, with some small exceptions. Elder I. Stone is Pastor.

Mt. Tabor—Is enjoying brotherly love. Elder J. Harrelson is Pastor.

Mt. Sinai—Is is good order—peace and harmony prevailing. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Mt. Zion—Has nothing special. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Mill Creek—The prospect is more cheering here than has been for a considerable time. They have had a revival. Elder J. Harrelson is Pastor.

Lumberton—Has nothing special. They possess proper dispositions, in view of the many mercies received at the hands of the Almighty. Elder P. C. Conoly is Pastor.

New Britain—Is in a cold state, and desires the prayers of the Churches. Elder Joel Bennet is Pastor.

Orange St.—Her Pastor has been unable to preach for some time, but has resumed his labors, and the signs of the times are indicative of good. Elder A. P. Repiton is Pastor.

Porter Swamp—Is in a good condition generally. She has had a considerable increase by baptism; nevertheless she mourns that intemperance is within the camp and she has had to exercise discipline. How long will those calling themselves after the name of Christ countenance this deadly foe of God and man! Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Pleasant Plains—Complains somewhat of coldness, and a necessity of excluding some of her members. They have, notwithstanding, had some very precious seasons. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Providence—Has nothing of interest. Elder J. H. Cobb is Pastor.

Piney Grove—Is in peace and union, though coldness prevails.

Pleasant Grove—Is hoping for good things. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor.

Pleasant Hill—Is in peace. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

Raft Swamp—Is in a prosperous condition. F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Rockfish—Has a flourishing Sabbath School. J. Cashwell is Pastor.

Shiloh—Asks an interest in the prayers of the Brethren.

Spring Branch—Has had a decided improvement in discipline. Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

Shady Grove—Is in peace. I. Stone is Pastor.

Saddle Tree—Has had an interesting protracted meeting. Elder E. Davis is Pastor.

Shallotte—Mourns her sad condition. W. Mints is Pastor.

Union—Has nothing special. Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

White Lake—Is complaining that she has made no advances.

Western Prong—Unimportant. H. Lennon is Pastor.

United Church—Uninteresting. T. G. Rogers is Pastor.

Mt. Pisgah—Is in a gloomy state.

Seven Creeks—Feels that her strength is being renewed. W. Mints is Pastor.

Springfield—Is in peace. Wm. Mints is Pastor.

Little River—Has had a small increase. T. G. Rogers is Pastor.

Buck Creek—Has dissolved.

Iron Hill X Roads—Is in peace, though coldness abounds.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Dead. | Excluded. | Blacks. | Total. | Associa'n Fund. |
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| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Wm. Ayers, A. R. Pitman, Elias Mitchel, | 16 | 2 | 4 | 5 | ... | 2 | 82 | 257 | $3 00 |
| Antioch, | George Warwick, Eli Wishart, J. A. Rozier, | 20 | ... | 4 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 165 | 2 55 |
| Big Branch, | W. B. Bullard, Giles Williams, M. Warwick, | 9 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 3 | ... | 140 | 3 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | *Edmund R. Phillips, *William Barnes, Everit Phillips, | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | ... | 10 | ... | 64 | 1 00 |
| Back Swamp, | *John Thompson, R. Moore, Elder P. C. Conoly, | 23 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 44 | 175 | 2 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | E. Davis, A. D. Biggs, A. J. Carlisle, | 20 | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | 56 | 1 50 |
| Providence, | D. W. McGoogan, A. McMillan, J. W. Lancaster, | ... | 2 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 45 | 1 25 |
| Raft Swamp, | F. Prevat, E. D. Johnson, C. Staten, | 16 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 85 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | Norman Martin, *James Moore, *Robert S. Moore, | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 13 | 71 | 1 50 |
| Lumberton, | *James Blount, D. D. Gunn, *Benjamin Freeman, | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 2 | 20 | 1 00 |
| COLUMBUS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | *Everit Hinson, *James Hinson, *Wm. Ward, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 71 | 1 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | Unrepresented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | F. Lennon, Moore Lennon, J. E. Lennon, | 12 | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | 4 | ... | 128 | 2 85 |
| Macedonia, | *Daniel Shaw, *J. P. Edmonds, *M. Williamson, | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 4 | ... | 76 | 1 75 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | *John Todd, *J. W. Gore, D. N. Gore, | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 12 | ... | 101 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Moriah, | Unrepresented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Tabor, | *William J. Sarvis, *Eli Watts, *Absalom Causee, | 7 | 5 | 2 | 4 | ... | 5 | ... | 94 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Zion, | C. Jones, S. Sasser, *D. Battin, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, J. M. M. Gore, N. Stephens, | 17 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 153 | 2 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | Henry B. Howel, A. F. Powell, Erasmus Mears, | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 30 | 126 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | W. P. Frink, *John Frink, John H. Toller, | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 66 | 1 50 |
| Seven Creeks, | James Long, *James Stephens, *John Hughes, | 4 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 40 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Sinai, | Henry Best, *Lot C. Mills, *E. F. Todd, | ... | 2 | ... | 6 | ... | 1 | 1 | 45 | 1 00 |
| White Marsh, | Unrepresented. | | | | | | | | | |

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| Western Prong, | H. LENNON, R. M. McRackan, T. S. Memory, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 30 | 2 00 |
| BLADEN. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | David B. Melvin, *James Hall, Joab Smith, | 3 | 1 | ... | 5 | 1 | 2 | ... | 172 | 2 00 |
| Shady Grove, | John H. Thompson, *Rob't Mason, *Jesse J. Thompson, | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 47 | 1 00 |
| Brier Branch, | Jonathan Jones, John Downing, W. H. Howard, | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | 5 | ... | 156 | 2 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. SESSOMS, Ewen Johnson, John Butler, | 26 | ... | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 21 | 105 | 2 50 |
| Shiloh, | Evan Ellis, David D. Salmon, Peter Munroe, | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | 54 | 1 30 |
| White Lake, | M. Peterson, D. H. Marshburn, *James Carrol, | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | 62 | 1 00 |
| BRUNSWICK. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | Unrepresented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Beulah, | Unrepresented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. LENNON, *H. Smith, *John P. Lennon*, | 7 | ... | ... | 19 | ... | 1 | 9 | 51 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | *Stephen Caison, *John W. Simons, William Lewis, | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 3 | 17 | 67 | 1 00 |
| Mill Creek, | Samuel B. Robbins, W. J. Willets, | 7 | ... | 6 | ... | 2 | ... | 7 | 50 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | Represented by Letter by G. W. HILL, | 1 | ... | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | ... | 126 | 1 50 |
| Shallotte, | Daniel K. Mints, | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 9 | ... | 84 | 1 00 |
| Union, | J. W. Woodsides, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 50 |
| Friendship, | Unrepresented. | | | | | | | | | |
| CUMBERLAND. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | James Plummer, N. H. Jones, W. Butler, | 18 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | ... | 251 | 3 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | J. M. Jessup, A. Melvin, Joseph Downing, | 4 | ... | ... | 11 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 98 | 2 00 |
| Concord, | N. Wheeler, *John B. Downing, *Alex'r Everitt, | ... | 2 | 1 | 4 | ... | 14 | ... | 96 | 1 50 |
| Rockfish, | JAMES CASHWELL, *W. C. West, J. Musslewhite, | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 | 1 00 |
| Piney Grove, | JOHN T. HONRINE, John Guy, Joshua Taylor, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 62 | 1 00 |
| WILMINGTON. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street, | A. PAUL REPITON. | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 110 | 2 00 |
| MARION DIST., S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | *Noel Bullock*, D. N. Page, E. B. Ford, | 23 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | ... | 233 | 2 85 |
| HORRY DIST., S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | Samuel Sarvis, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...... | 1 00 |
| Little River, | *W. J. Gore, W. J. Stanaland, W. Fulwood, | 3 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 29 | 50 |
| Macedonia, | Unrepresented. | | | | | | | | | 1 00 |
| United Church, | Solomon S. King, C. Fulwood, J. E. Todd, | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 4 | ... | 65 | 1 00 |
| Simpson's Creek, | Unrepresented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Branch, | *Alva Smith, Levi Granger, Joseph Griffin, | 6 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 18 | 161 | 2 50 |
| Springfield, | Samuel Hughes, C. P. Gore, J. W. Thompson, | ... | 16 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 51 | 1 00 |

Those marked thus (*) are absentees.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR
# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

CROSS ROADS,

COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

October 22, 23, 24, 25,

1857.

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# MINUTES.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1857.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder F. Prevatt, from the 1st Epistle of John, and 7th verse.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the Divine direction invoked by Elder W. B. Bullard.

A majority of the Churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brethren Giles Williams, J. A Rozier and J. Ellis, a Committee of Finance.

After the reading of Letters and recording the names of Delegates, the Officers were elected, viz: Elder Haynes Lennon, Moderator; Rob't M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer, and Benjamin Freeman, Assistant Clerk.

The Letter from the Shallotte Church was laid upon the table.

An invitation was extended to visiting Brethren and Messengers from other Associations: when Elder H. McAlpin and Bro. Arthur Brown, from the Union, presented themselves and were received with christian courtesy.

An opportunity was afforded to Churches newly constituted to present themselves for admission, when Magnolia, in Cumberland County, was received as a member of this body.

Brethren B. Freeman, J. A. Rozier, F. Lennon, J. G. Powell and J. Ellis, were appointed a Committee to supply the Stage.

Appointed Brethren R. M. McRackan, Eli Wishart and A. F. Powell, a Committee of Arrangements.

Appointed Brethren W. J. Stanaland, C. Porter, G. Williams, F. Lennon and R. Powers, a Committee of Vigilance.

The Letter of the Shallotte Church, which had been laid upon the table, was now examined, when the Association determined to receive the Delegation as members of this body; and appointed Elders H. Lennon, D. J. Ray, Wm. B. Bullard, and Bro. R. M. McRackan, as a Committee to visit the Church and settle the difficulty which was presented in the Letter.

Association adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder E. Davis.

9½ O'CLOCK FRIDAY MORNING.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Cobb.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. Report made the order of the day.

Elders John Bradford, Agent of Foreign Missions, and John Mitchell, Agent of the Wake Forest College, were invited to seats with us.

The Letter from Bear Swamp was received, and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

Brethren A. F. Powell, G. Williams, F. Prevatt, A. R. Pitman and B. Freeman, were appointed a Committee to select Corresponding Messengers to other Associations.

The Letter from Shiloh was received, and the Delegates' names enrolled.

The next Session of the Association to be held with the Ashpole Church, commencing at 10½ o'clock A. M. on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in October 1858; and that Elder H. Lennon preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder F. Prevatt be the Alternate; and that Elder P. C. Connelly preach at 12 o'clock on Sunday, and Elder D. B. Ayers be the Alternate.

Iron Hill and Seven Creeks presented their Letters, and the names of the Delegates were enrolled.

Elder A. Paul Repiton is to preach on the subject of Adoption, at the next Association, on Sabbath, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Elders P. C. Connelly, J. H. Cobb, H. McAlpin and H. Lennon, were appointed a Committee to examine Candidates for Ordination.

W. J. Stanaland, B. Freeman and W. Ayers, were appointed a Committee to select subjects, and persons to write thereon, for the next Association.

The Committee appointed at the last Session of the Association, to visit the Seven Creeks Church and investigate the matter in relation to Bro. Jenrett, made their Report, which was adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Agreed to have 2000 copies of the Minutes printed.

Twenty Dollars is allowed to the Clerk.

Brethren Prevatt and W. J. Stanaland were appointed a Committee to confer with the Domestic Mission Board on the subject of Church Extension.

Elder Thomas G. Rogers was invited to a seat with us.

The Association made way for the Board.

Board in session.

2½ o'clock—Association in session.

The subject of an Associational School was taken up. After freely discussing the subject, it was unanimously resolved to have a School of high order.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock Saturday morning.

Prayer by Elder Bradford.

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### 9½ O'CLOCK SATURDAY.

Prayer by Elder D. B. Ayers.

Brethren J. W. McLean and Robert McLean, Delegates from the Pee Dee Association, were invited to take seats in this body.

Bro. Henry Huggins, from the Welsh Neck Association, was invited to a seat with us.

Committee of Arrangements reported. Report made the order of the day.

The unfinished business of yesterday was called up, viz: the location of an Associational School;—when it was determined to locate it at or near the Cross Roads, Big Swamp, Columbus County, N. C. A. F. Powell, H. Lennon, F. Lennon, J. E. Lennon, Bright Williams, J. A. Rozier, R. M. McRackan, E Wishart and James C. Powell, were appointed a Board of Trustees, with authority to appoint an agent or agents to obtain subscribers, and fully empowered to do whatever they, in their discretion, may think necessary in the prosecution of this matter, viz: the building up of an Associational School of a high order; and the Association stand pledged to sustain them.

Association adjourned, to make way for the D. M. Board.

Board in session.

2½ o'clock P. M.—the Association in session.

Reports were called for.

Ministerial Education reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Bible Society reported.

Sabbath School reported.

Publication Society reported.

Colportage reported.

All of which were adopted, and their appendage to the Minutes ordered.

F. Prevatt, B. Freeman and E. Wishart, were appointed a Committee to superintend the Colportage system.

The Baptist State Convention and Temperance Committees failed to report.

Committee on the extension of Domestic Missions reported. Report adopted, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

The Bible funds were paid into the hands of Bro. Bradford, who will pay them to the proper person in the Convention. The amounts are as follows, viz: Ashpole Bible Society, $6 35; Brier Branch Bible Society, $6 70; Bear Swamp Bible Society, $4 80;—$17 85.

Committees on the following subjects reported; Reports adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes, viz:

To appoint Corresponding Messengers.

To select subjects to write upon.

To examine Licentiates.

To audit the Treasurer's Account,—(A. F. Powell and F. Lennon, Committee.)

J. A. Rozier reported $89 40 as the Minute fund.

Time was allowed to write Letters to Corresponding Associations,—the writers not having a knowledge of their duties in season.

Resolved, That the Pastors and Ministers supplying Churches, and the Itinerants, be requested to lay before the several Churches the propriety of taking up collections quarterly for Home and Foreign Missions.

An Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of H. Lennon, R. M. McRackan and A. F. Powell, with power to arrange the unfinished business of the Association.

The Biblical Recorder, the organ of our denomination in this State, is recommended to the Brethren, as being worthy of their patronage and a wider circulation than it has heretofore received.

Bro. Bradford tendered his thanks to the body for the liberality displayed in their donations to Foreign Missions. The amount $90. The names of the contributors will appear elsewhere, so far as is known.

The Association to adjourn after the 3 o'clock Sermon on to-morrow (Sabbath,) to the place and time mentioned.

The cordial thanks of this body were unanimously tendered to the Brethren and friends in this vicinity, for their very kind and hospitable entertainment.

HAYNES LENNON, Moderator.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN, Clerk.

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SABBATH.

The weather was unusually fine, and an immense congregation in attendance. Elder John Mitchell opened the sevices with a Discourse on the life and mediation of Christ. Elder J. Bradford followed, with a Discourse on the Kingdom of Christ, founded on Dan. ii., 44, 45. At the close of which a collection was taken up for Domestic and Foreign Missions—the amount being larger than at any former Session.

Elder H. McAlpin, after an intermission of thirty minutes, delivered the Valedictory Sermon, from Prov. xxv 25.

The congregation was well composed and manifested more than ordinary interest.

We trust that the seed sown will yet vegetate and bring forth an abundant harvest.

# DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

FRIDAY, 12 O'CLOCK.

The Board went into session.

Elder H. Lennon was elected President, and Rob't M. McRackan, Clerk and Treasurer.

Brethren Giles Williams, J. Monroe and Benjamin Freeman, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Reports were called for.

Elders P. C. Connelly, William Ayers and D. B. Ayers reported. Reports received and their appendage to the Minutes ordered. Elder W. B. Bullard's Report to be corrected.

The Executive Committee made a verbal report, which met the approbation of the Board.

The Committee of Finance and Treasurer report on to-morrow the amount of money in hand.

Elder Wm. Ayers is to be allowed the usual pay for the eight days' sickness mentioned in his Report.

Brethren B. Freeman, J. A. Rozier, E. Wishart, John Monroe, A. F. Powell, F. Lennon and Bright Williams, were appointed a Committee to procure the services of a Missionary or Missionaries, and report on to-morrow.

Brethren Bright Williams, John Ellis and J. G. Powell, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

Board adjourned.

SATURDAY, 1 O'CLOCK.

Brother Hughes, of the Springfield Church, paid in five dollars.

Reports were called for. The Committee appointed to obtain a Missionary or Missionaries for the ensuing year, report that they have been unable to procure the services of any one.

The Financial Committee reported that they had received $441 29 from the Churches.

The Committee appointed by the Association to confer with the Domestic Mission Board reported. The Report was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The Executive Committee is authorized to settle the unfinished business of the Board.

Adjourned.

HAYNES LENNON, Pres't.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN, Sec'y

# APPENDIX.

## CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Committee to confer with the Domestic Missions Board, relative to Church extension, would respectfully suggest the following, viz: That the Board shall include in their plan of operations, as Missionary Stations, Conwayboro', S. C., Fair Bluff, Maysville, Elizabeth and Russ' Still. The most of which being under other influences, and we think offer inducements which should receive immediate action.

F. PREVATT, } Com.
W. J. STANALAND, }

The Report of your Committee to examine Licentiates, is as follows: We highly approve of the christian experience, call to the Ministry, and doctrinal views of the Brethren sent to us for examination for ordination. But under existing circumstances, would recommend, that they continue awhile longer as Licentiates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. C. CONNELLY, Chairman.

## COLPORTAGE.

We are of the opinion, that this branch of our duties has been neglected, to the great injury of our denomination. Our principles are unknown; proper care has not been taken for their dissemination, and the little that has been done, is unheeded too often by those who are at great pains to call us by such odious epithets as they may think proper.

Truth glories in investigation; it seeks no hiding place; but is ever open and only asks for a candid and impartial hearing. Believing that our principles will bear a Biblical scrutiny, we feel anxious that a suitable Colporteur, a Minister of the Gospel, should be employed as early as practicable, to engage in this interesting work. We feel assured that proper reading can be afforded to all; books are being published by our denomination, the object and tendency of which is, to enlighten the minds of any who will give us an unprejudiced hearing. We have long been a "by-word" to the world about us, and have lived solely by the force of truth, unaided almost by human efforts; and now, while we are having books published, we shall be acting a recreant part if we do not seek to disseminate our principles, which, we think, need only to be understood, to be admired by all.

It is a high, and the most honorable calling in life to be a co-worker with God. While He is determined to carry out his own Almighty plans, He nevertheless condescends to allow his finite creatures an opportunity of contributing their mites. This thought should inspire and renew us to tenfold diligence in unfolding, as we believe, the truth as it is in Jesus. Respectfully submitted.

JAS. C. POWELL.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee to confer with the Domestic Mission Board, would respectfully suggest the following, to-wit: That the Board shall include in their plan of operations, as Missionary Stations, Conwayboro', Socastee, S. C., and Fair Bluff, N. C. The same being under other influences, and we think offer inducements which should receive immediate action.

W. J. STANALAND, } Com.
F. PREVATT, }

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following:

The great importance of Sabbath Schools should be known and felt by every parent in our glorious land of liberty; and not let them stop at the Meeting-House, but should be carried on at our homes when it is not convenient to attend one at the Meeting-House. We, parents, who can see our children sporting over the fields on the Sabbath day, instead of being engaged in a Sabbath School, in order to learn and hear of the true character of God, must live far beneath our privilege. We find the minds of the human family are constantly at work, and to keep them in a good and healthy state, we must find them with the proper kind of food. We are ever mindful of the body, what we shall put on, or wherewithal we shall be clothed; when the mind, that is of such an immense value, is so much neglected. It seems that we parents look at a Sabbath School as a small matter, but if we would only reflect that to start a child to a regular Sabbath School at the age of 7 years, and keep him on till he attains to the age of 14 years, he has 1 year, or 365 days tuition; and if continued until 21 years of age, he will then have 2 years tuition; which is more than one half of the amount obtained by the mass of the people.

We would here make a suggestion, that the Ministry in our bounds impress the subject of Sabbath Schools on the Churches, that they may have charge of, and insist on their having them. Let every Church in our bounds have a Sabbath School, and we are of opinion, that we should not hear of coldness or leanness in our bounds; but we should hear of a revival of the religion of the blessed Jesus throughout our bounds, and our Missionaries would find a congregation at the Churches when they would come to preach the Gospel of the dear Son of God. Our little experience has been that when there has been a well conducted Sabbath School, there has been more or less a revival of Religion in the bounds of the School. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. We find our children ready, willing and anxious to learn, but we parents are slow, dull and careless. The sin of omission cries hard against us in this one particular thing. So let us awake from our lethargy, and betake us to this good work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. ROZIER.

## PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on Publication Societies beg leave to say, that in their opinion the time has come when a long report on this subject is needless; that the present indications require *action*. Much could be said of the good effect produced in other parts of the State, while we share but sparingly of the benefit. Brethren, let us *do* something, then we shall have something on which we can report.

Respectfully submitted by

GEO. W. LENNON.

Persons appointed to write on the following subjects:

On Ministerial Education—P. C. Connelly and F. Prevatt.
" Foreign Missions—D. B. Avers and A. F. Powell.
" Bible Societes—Rob't M. McRackan and J. C. Powell.
" Sabbath Schools—G. W. Lennon and J. H. Cobb.
" Publication Societies—Wm. Ayers and Francis Lennon.
" Colportage—A R. Pitman and J. A. Rozier.
" Baptist State Convention—H. Lennon and G. W. Hill.
" Temperance—Benj. Freeman and A. F. Powell.
" Extension of Domestic Missions—P. C. Connelly and W. J. Stanaland.

The Committee of Finance for the Domestic Mission Board report as follows: Received from

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| Ashpole Church, | $10 00 | Shiloh, | $17 28 |
| Antioch, | 15 00 | White Lake, | 12 30 |
| Big Branch, | 15 00 | Bethel, | 16 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | 5 00 | Beulah, | 6 00 |
| Back Swamp, | 11 50 | Union, | 30 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | 10 00 | Beulah, | |
| Providence, | 9 50 | Cheerful Hope, | 5 30 |
| Raft Swamp, | 8 00 | New Britain, | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 5 00 | Shallotte, | 10 00 |
| Beaver Dam, | 5 00 | Friendship, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 15 25 | Cape Fear, | 15 00 |
| Macedonia, | 5 00 | Cedar Creek, | 15 00 |
| Iron Hill Cross Roads | 5 00 | Piney Grove, | 5 00 |
| Mount Tabor, | 5 00 | Orange Street, | 15 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 15 00 | Bear Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 16 00 | Little River, | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 10 00 | Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | 5 00 | Russ's Still, | 8 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | 5 00 | H. McAlpin, | 1 00 |
| White Marsh, | 1 41 | Bryan's Chapel, | 10 00 |
| Western Prong, | 25 00 | P. C. Connelly, | 5 00 |
| Beaver Dam, (Columbus,) | 10 00 | Springfield, | 5 00 |
| Shady Grove, | 3 75 | Am't in hands of Treasurer, | 45 74 |
| Brier Branch, | 5 00 | | |
| Hickory Grove, | 10 00 | | $487 03 |

Respectfully submitted.

B. FREEMAN.

Your Committee which was appointed by the last meeting of this body, to investigate a complaint made by P. P. Jenrett, of the Seven

Creeks Church, report, that they have visited said Church, and have endeavored to give it a fair and impartial trial, and unanimously come to the following decision: That they concur in the decision of the Church, and find Bro. Jenrett in error; who, after being counselled by the Committee, made acknowledgements that were accepted by the Church, and was restored to its fellowship.

G. W. HILL, Chm'n.

## REPORT OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Bible is the best of books. It is the will of God to a lost and ruined world,—the polar star by which we steer our course "to Canaan's fair and happy land," the haven of eternal rest. This all important volume teaches us the true and only way by which fallen man is redeemed from sin, and reconciled to God.

This book is independent of all others; no volume on the subject of religion can be correct unless the unperverted truths of the Bible are taken as its basis. This is the law of God concerning us, and when all other books shall have been destroyed, this shall remain,—by it we shall be judged in the day of the final reckoning. While we deplore the lamentable condition to which the societies of men (falsely called Churches) are reduced, by following the directions of men, we rejoice that the Bible is the book of Baptists. Under these circumstances it well becomes us to do all we can to diffuse the knowledge of this sacred volume among all the nations of the Earth.

Respectfully submitted.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The cause of Missions commends its claim to every child of God. The great Captain of our salvation came from Heaven to Earth on the mission of redemption for Adam's lost race. Not only setting the example, but his last command to his disciples was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This duty is binding on every believer in Jesus, who feels an interest in the Kingdom and glory of Christ

Again, the social condition of the heathen requires us to send them the Gospel. Their females are treated with cruelty and brutality, while all classes are debased by superstition and idolatry, thus groping in darkness on the road to eternal death! And shall not the cry that comes to us from seven hundred millions of perishing souls enter into our ears and move our hearts to aid them by sending the lamp of God's word to illumine their darkness? We have self-denying brethren in China and Africa who are looking to us for support, and shall they look in vain? No! No! is the response of every lover of Jesus. They shall be remembered in our prayers and contributions. The blessed Bible must be translated into every language, that every tribe and nation may learn Messiah's name.

## *A Digest of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Antioch—As usual sends pleasing intelligence. She has preaching two days in each month, with a steady increase in numbers, and a hearty desire after more of the bread of life. Has a Bible Class. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Ashpole—Has a pleasant state of things existing. She has had an increase of 22 members. Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

Back Swamp—Is in an interesting state. Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor.

Bear Swamp—Has a Bible Society, and makes, to the christian, a most pleasing appearance. Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

Beaver Dam, (Bladen)—Complains of coldness, notwithstanding she has had a small increase. Elder Wm. B. Bullard, Pastor.

Beaver Dam, (Columbus)—Has a Sabbath School during the Spring and Summer months, and she has had a revival in her midst, which rejoices their hearts and others. Elder A. M. Noble is Pastor.

Big Branch—Has a Bible Class. The congregations are generally large and attentive, and she is hoping that good will result from a faithfully preached Gospel. Elder Haynes Lennon is Pastor.

Brier Branch—Has a flourishing Bible Society, and thinks that appearances betoken good. Elder Wm. Ayers is Pastor.

Bryan's Chapel—Is just received. She is under the pastoral care of Elder G. W. Lennon.

Cross Roads—Has had peace and harmony, with some small exceptions. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Concord—Speaks of appearances as indicating good. Elder R. Fisher is Pastor.

Cheerful Hope—Is in peace and has had some small increase. Elder George W. Lennon is Pastor.

Cape Fear—Uninteresting. Elder H. McAlpin is Pastor.

Cedar Creek—Says the Lord is reviving his work. Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor.

Hickory Grove—Is in peace. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Macedonia, (Columbus)—Has had a small revival. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Macedonia, (S. C.)—Has nothing special to communicate. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

Mt. Tabor—Has had a revival, and has a flourishing Sabbath School. Elder John Harrelson is Pastor.

Magnolia—Has just been constituted. She has had the labors of Elders McAlpin and Fisher.

Mt. Sinai—Is in a happy condition, having had lately a gracious revival. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

Mt. Eliam—Attributes her improved condition to her Pastor, Elder F. Prevatt.

Mt. Pisgah—Has been long in a cold and barren state, but feels from late indications that good is in store for her. Elder J. Harrelson, Pastor.

Lumberton—Is making no advances. She has been visited by Preachers occasionally, and has had, as a Supply, the services of Elder Elias D. Johnson, who kindly volunteered his services.

New Britain—Is rejoicing in what has taken place among them this year. The coldness hitherto manifested has been succeeded by a feeling characteristic of the followers of the Lamb. Elder Joel Bennet is Pastor.

Orange St.—Has had sore trials to encounter, nevertheless the signs of the times portend good. She has a flourishing Sabbath School. Elder A. Paul Repiton is Pastor.

Porter Swamp—Is in a good condition. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Pleasant Plains—Has just had an interesting protracted meeting, and feels to rejoice in the opening prospect Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Providence—Communicates nothing special. Elder J. H. Cobb, Pastor.

Piney Grove—Is in peace, yet complains of their unprosperous condition. She longs for more vitality. Elder A. Hall is Pastor.

Pleasant Grove—Uninteresting. Elder Elias D. Johnson is Pastor.

Pleasant Hill—Is endeavoring to fight the good fight of faith, by meeting her difficulties manfully. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

Raft Swamp—Has had a precious season, in which the membership were greatly encouraged to press onward "towards the mark of their high calling in Christ." Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Rockfish—Is rejoicing in consequence of a glorious revival.

Shiloh—Is in an improving condition. Elder W. B. Bullard is Pastor.

Spring Branch—Unimportant. Elder P. C. Connelly, Pastor.

Shady Grove—Possesses a right spirit. She is a young Church, and will doubtless do good to all about her. She has had, as Supply, Elder Cashwell, but is at present without.

Saddle Tree—Is in peace, with some small exceptions. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Shallotte—Is in a most lamentable condition.

Union—Is in a prosperous condition. Elder D. B. Ayers, Pastor.

White Marsh—Is in peace. Elder Z. Bullock, Supply.

White Lake—Has had to resort to discipline, but feels that a good state is now existing. Elder Wm. B. Bullard is Pastor.

Western Prong—Is stationary. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Seven Creeks—Has nothing cheering. Elder W. M. Mints, Pastor.

Friendship—Is in peace. Elder T. G. Rogers is Pastor.

Bethel—Uninteresting. Without a Pastor.

Beulah—Has had some small additions. D. B. Ayers is Pastor.

Little River—Is in peace. Elder T. G. Rogers is Pastor.

Springfield—Is unimportant. Without a Pastor.

Iron Hill X Roads—Is in a lukewarm state. Elder G. W. Hill is their Supply.

Honey Camp—Is in peace and harmony. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

*Names of Churches and persons contributing to Bro. Bradford, Agent for Foreign Missions, so far as could be ascertained.*

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| Gray's Creek, | $15 00 | Hugh McAlpin, | $2 00 |
| Wm. Ayers, | 5 00 | Giles Williams, | 5 00 |
| G. W. Lennon, | 2 00 | Wm. Butler, | 1 00 |
| D. T. Hollingsworth, | 1 00 | John E. Lennon, | 4 00 |
| N. Martin, | 1 00 | Bright Williams, | 4 00 |
| F. Prevatt, | 1 00 | D. B. Ayers, | 1 00 |
| G. W. Hill, | 50 | Needham Stephens, | 50 |
| J. Thompson, | 2 00 | C. Williams, | 1 00 |
| W. B. Bullard, | 1 00 | D. W. McGougan, | 1 00 |
| P. C. Connelly, | 1 00 | D. B. Melvin, | 2 00 |
| Arthur Melvin, | 5 00 | W. J. Stanaland, | 1 00 |
| T. W. Swain, | 2 00 | R. Woodsides, | 50 |
| J. Stanaland, | 1 00 | Jas. Prevatt, | 1 00 |
| Joseph Thompson, | 1 00 | | |

## MISSIONARY REPORTS.

*Dear Brethren:* Since our last Association, I have to some extent endeavored to comply with the promise I made in regard to riding as your Missionary. The difficulties in my way have been of such a serious nature that I have done but little, though I am happy to say that the Lord has blessed and assisted me more or less in my feeble attempts to advance His cause and kingdom. Kind brethren have cheered me on my way, and I trust the smiles of Heaven have rested on my labors. I had the pleasant task of baptizing twenty-five converts to Christ. I have been in the field fifty days, but on account of disappointments I report only forty.

The amount of money kindly contributed was $5 75, and my expenses were $4. Respectfully submitted by

P. C. CONNELLY, Itinerant Missionary.

### REPORT OF D. B. AYERS.

*Dear Brethren:* I have endeavored to occupy the field of labor assigned me by the Executive Committee to the best of my ability, since the first of April. There has been much to discourage me during the progress of my labors, but not without some prospect of success. I have been engaged as a Missionary about one hundred and twelve days; preached one hundred and fifteen sermons; baptized thirty-four, and received a few others by letter. I hope, dear Brethren, that the cause will advance, and that you may be able to send out laborers, where their efforts will be more abundantly blessed. Respectfully submitted by

D. B. AYERS, It. Mis.

### REPORT OF WM. AYERS.

*Beloved Brethren:* I have to the best of my ability, given the services I promised to the Board, from the fourth to the second Sabbath in each month, and have done my utmost in setting forth the doctrines of the Bible in support of Missions, and although there is much opposition, and some have departed from us (because they were not of us,) I believe it will finally result in our good, for we are told that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

I travelled for the Board ninety-one days, having lost eight days by sickness, so that I could not meet all of my appointments. I visited thirty-seven Churches and Stations within the limits of the Association, —held three protracted meetings, and have heard christians tell of their growth in grace; mourners have been comforted, and some professed conversion. Twenty-seven were baptized. Although the additions to the Church have not been as great this year as formerly, yet I think the amount of good done, is equal to that of past years. I hope that all who travel for the Board will be earnest and faithful in setting forth the true doctrines of the blessed Bible, and that Baptists will be Baptists in principle as well as in profession. I now offer my thanks to the brethren and friends for their kind treatment of me from the beginning to the end of my labors in the Association, and may the Lord bless and save us all for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

W. AYERS, It. Mis.

### REPORT OF W. B. BULLARD.

*Dear Brethren:* Since the last Association, I have endeavored to fulfil the task assigned me by your honorable body, as an Itinerant Missionary. I commenced traveling for the Board the 12th of February, and until the change in the Board only failed in one appointment. Since then my labors have been principally confined among the destitute, and often has my heart been gladdened by the kindness of friends, and I have been made to rejoice in the hope that my poor labors have received the blessing of our Heavenly Father. I have been in the field about a hundred and ten days, preached as many sermons, and baptized sixteen persons.

I received for the Board the sum of $18 53, of which $17 28 was subscribed by the Shiloh Church. I have been at no expense for traveling. And now, brethren, accept my thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me as one of your Missionaries, and to kind friends who have cheered me on the way. Submitted by

W. B. BULLARD.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee would most respectfully recommend the republication of the report prepared by Eld. Haynes Lennon, and adopted by this body at its session in 1853, viz:

The perpetuity of the christian ministry as a distinct class or order of men, who are especially required to devote all their energies, talents and time, to the work of preaching the Gospel, is as clearly the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, as that it is their duty to pray or to repent of sin. Their duties in every particular, and their qualifications in general, as also their identity with the Kingdom of Christ, are specifically laid down in the New Testament. 1. They are called of God, "No man taketh this honor to himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." 2. They are to relinquish all secular pursuits. "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all." 3. Their temporal support is to be contributed by those who are taught in the word. "So hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing that we shall reap your carnal things?" 4. Their subjective relation to the churches is of special appointment. "I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man, for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." "Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus, before the world began; but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel; whereunto I am appointed a Preacher; and an Apostle and a Teacher of the Gentiles." 5. Their objective appointment is the sanction of a Presbytery. "Thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain Elders in every city as I had appointed thee. When they had ordained them Elders in every church, and had prayed, with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." 6. Their relations to the churches are official—they are teachers. "God hath set some in the church; first, Apostles; secondly, Prophets; thirdly, Teachers; after that, miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. He gave some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, and some Pastors and Teachers, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." They are also made rulers or overseers. "Let the Elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine. Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as they that must give account." Thus the official and appointed relationships which exist between the churches and the ministry, are conclusively settled upon such fundamental principles as must underlie all correct views of the office and work of the ministry, and of the qualifications necessary to those who would enter it.

This dispensation, the inspired Paul committed only "to faithful men, who were able to teach others also." Such were his conscientious scruples about the self-sufficiency and vanity of men for office, that he most solemnly protests against elevating to the office of Bishop, any who could not produce testimonials of unblemished moral character, and mental qualifications for such a holy calling. "Let them be tried; not a novice; not given to wine; not covetous; but sober, of good behaviour; given to hospitality; apt to teach; ruling well his own house, having his children in subjection."

With these facts before us, the minister of Christ is placed in a most solemn and responsible position before the church and the world; the former to be defended and sustained; the latter to be subdued and overcome, that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Who is sufficient for these things? Doubtless every minister present feels his inadequacy, and exclaims with good Jeremiah, "I am a child!" yet, with Nehemiah, feels that he "is doing a great work and cannot come down." But in connection with their labors, they feel greatly the want of a better education. As they have learned so they communicate, and if defective, must be laden with error, defeating its own end, however good.

There are no external aids or influences that will compensate ignorance or imbecility. We do not mean that he is not fitted for his work and aided in it by the Holy Spirit: but that the Holy Spirit never so fits and aids a man as to dispense with the exercise of his own faculties and affections, nor does it communicate directly any knowledge to the mind. The Holy Spirit never teaches the art of pronunciation, nor the definition of words. Knowledge must be acquired by the minister of the gospel through the same methods as by the ungodly. The theologian must learn by the same processes as the philosopher. No man in the ministry more than elsewhere can exercise any powers which he does not naturally possess, nor communicate anything which he has not by ordinary processes learned. Yet, we are aware there seems to be an impression on many minds that a minister may expect some sort of supernatural aid in acquiring or communicating truth, which it would be presumption in an orator or lecturer to expect. That in reliance upon this kind of aid he may somewhat modify, if not dispense with preparatory studies or mental labor. The Spirit of God does not so operate. That He aids, enlightens, even suggests, is all true, but he does this in the line of his own mental and spiritual activities, not without them. The man who without study or thought, tells us that he casts himself directly upon the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and means to utter only that which is supernaturally communicated to him, is likely to express such thoughts, in such forms, as would degrade even an ordinarily intelligent mind, and such as are characteristic, not of divine wisdom, but of his own unmistakable ignorance, presumption and folly. It is an insult to the Holy Spirit to attribute the emptiness of an ignorant or indolent mind to His inspirations, or to make His promised aids an excuse for leaving the mind unfurnished and inactive. The cultivation of this mind is what we are seeking—its preparation and adaptedness to the work of the gospel ministry, so as rightly to "divide the word of truth," and "shew itself approved unto God." Such is the character of MIND that it may be made to explore the celestial regions, fathom the mysteries of Providence, and develope the resources of the natural world. What are the mighty steamers that play upon the ocean's bosom—the engines on the railway—the magnetic telegraph extending across our mighty land, but the concentrated energies of mind reduced to practical purposes! But in religion a variety of circumstances may concur to repress the active tendencies of the mind; but let the gospel obtain admission into it, and from that moment the most torpid specimen of humanity is quickened into a new mental as well as moral life. Even the mind which was previously alive and vigorous, becomes conscious of a new impulse to activity, and a new sphere in which to spend it. The Bible becomes his law, and the Holy Spirit his interpreter. It at once creates light and courts it. Not only does it extol knowledge as a glory, but commands us to seek it as a most sacred duty. But if christianity thus awakens the mental and moral activity of man, and if the education we advocate consists in sustaining that activity and directing it aright, the desirableness of such education is no longer a doubtful question; settled, by no arbitration of ours, but by the predeterminate consent of HIM who gave to our mental constitution its activity, and to the Bible the power of arousing that activity. Unless, therefore, we do violence to the mind, education to some extent becomes a religious necessity. And if education be thus desirable for every inquiring christian mind, how much more important must it be for the man of God, whose commission is "to testify the gospel of the grace of God," and "to show unto men the way of salvation!" No angel ever came from heaven on so mighty an errand as theirs, but His ambassadors are sent to open the eyes of a guilty world, turn them from darkness to light, "and the power of Satan unto God," "that they might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith in Christ." Their aim is nothing less than to rescue guilty and depraved, yet immortal beings, from the lowest hell, and conduct them to the heaven of heavens, to transform them from the resemblance of the devil, into the image of the invisible God. "And when all the labors of other professors will be annihilated; when the finest paintings, the sublimest statues, the most durable monuments, the pyramids of Egypt; when the immortal works (so are they called) of philosophers, legislators, historians, poets, shall be consumed, and the earth and all that is therein shall be burnt up, the effects of their tears, and studies, and visiting, and praying, and preaching, shall remain."

In conclusion, what is the condition of our churches? How long must they remain in their present destitution? Will they not pray that more laborers be sent into the vineyard? And when the Lord shall send them in, shall they be permitted to follow the secular business of life, or occupy the vineyard until the Lord shall come? With an improving age—an onward march of intellect—shall the ministry be in the rear, or compelled to take lessons from the pew? We are persuaded that the day is at hand that will possess every minister in our Association with a good English education, and would suggest that some plan be devised by this body, to effect such object.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. PAUL REPITON, Chm'n.

*Robert M. McRackan, Treasurer, in acct. with Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

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| 1857. | | | |
| Oct. | To amt. sent up by Churches for Asso. Fund, | | $89 40 |
| | " Sabbath collection for Missions, | | 76 12 |
| | | | $165 52 |
| 1857. | CONTRA. | | |
| Oct. | Paid Eld. J. Bradford, | $9 00 | |
| | " Clerk, | 20 00 | |
| | " Printing these Minutes, | 65 00 | |
| | " To D. M. Board of C. F. A. | 71 52 | |
| | | | $165 52 |

Respectfully submitted.

ROBT. M. McRACKAN, Tr.

*Robt. M. McRackan, Treasurer, in acct. with Domestic Mission Board of Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

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| 1857. | | | |
| Oct. | To amt. remaining in Treasury last year, | | $45 74 |
| | " " contributed by Churches and individuals, | | 441 29 |
| | " " rec'd from Treasurer of C. F. Association, | | 71 52 |
| | | | $558 55 |
| 1857. | CONTRA. | | |
| Oct. | Paid P. C. Connelly, | $60 00 | |
| | Wm. Ayers, | 148 50 | |
| | W. B. Bullard, | 165 00 | |
| | D. B. Ayers, | 168 00 | |
| | Bal. in Tr's hands, | 17 05 | |
| | | | $558 55 |

Respectfully submitted.

ROBT. M. McRACKAN, Tr.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec. by Let | Restored. | Dismissed. | Dead. | Excluded. | Blacks. | Total. | Ass'n Fund |
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| Robeson County. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | Joseph Thompson, A R Pitman, Colin Williams, W Ayers, | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 | 82 | 253 | $3 00 |
| Antioch, | J A Rozier, Eli Wishart, George Warwick, | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 10 | 171 | 2 65 |
| Big Branch, | Bright Williams, Giles Williams, W B Bullard, | | 2 | | | | 3 | | 139 | 3 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | Everett Philips, *I Stone, Samuel Stone, | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | | 56 | 1 00 |
| Back Swamp, | Jacob Thompson, P C Connelly, James Humphrey, | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 171 | 2 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | Atlas Carlisle, Elias Davis, W W Powell, | 4 | 7 | | | | 2 | | 65 | 2 00 |
| Providence, | J H Cobb, D W McGougan, G E Cobb, | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | 13 | 46 | 2 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | James Prevatt, E D Johnson, F Prevatt, | 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 | | 4 | | 79 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | Norman Martin, R J Moore, W A Martin, J Humphrey, | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | 74 | 1 50 |
| Lumberton, | Benj Freeman, D D Gunn, | | 2 | | | 1 | | 2 | 21 | 1 50 |
| Columbus County. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | A M Noble, Everett Hinson, Edward White, | 32 | 2 | 4 | | | 5 | 1 | 104 | 2 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross Roads, | J E Lennon, Francis Lennon, *Edward Singletary, | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 39 | 130 | 3 00 |
| Macedonia, | John Edmond, R H Williamson, W W Brown, | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 71 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | *John Todd, J W Gore, *David N Gore*, | | | | | | | | 40 | 2 00 |
| Mt. Moriah, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Tabor, | John Harrelson, Caleb Spivey, *J H Mills, | 17 | 1 | 7 | 11 | | 8 | | 93 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Zion, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Plains, | G W Hill, *N Stephens*, A B Hill, | 11 | | 6 | 1 | | 16 | 25 | 137 | 2 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | A F Powell, J G Powell, D F Williamson, | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 125 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | Wm P Frink, R J Richardson, W F Frink, | 6 | 1 | | 1 | | 3 | | 62 | 1 50 |
| Seven Creeks, | R F Marlow, *James Stephens, *James Long, | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | 4 | | 39 | 50 |
| Mt. Sinai, | John H Bufkin, Josiah B Harrelson, *Colin White, | 9 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 56 | 1 50 |
| White Marsh, | *Joseph Ray, John Creach, J Batton, | 24 | 1 | | | | | 28 | 76 | 1 00 |
| Western Prong, | H Lennon, J Ellis, Rob't M McRackan, | | | | | | | | | 2 00 |
| Bladen County. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | W A Melvin, D B Melvin, Peyton P Rollin, | 2 | | | 6 | | 10 | 15 | 160 | 3 00 |

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| Shady Grove, | John H Thompson, Robert Mason, Wm McElroy, | 3 | 1 | | 6 | 1 | 5 | | 39 | 1 00 |
| Brier Branch, | Theophilus Tatum, W T Jessup, J H Tatum, | | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 7 | | 141 | 2 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | Ewen Johnson, R M Sessoms, A Edwards, | 6 | | | 2 | | 4 | 20 | 105 | 2 00 |
| Shiloh, | John Monroe, Edward Martin, *N Cashwell, | 9 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 1 | | | 105 | 2 00 |
| White Lake, | K Carroll, D H Marshburn, Monroe Peterson, | 2 | | | | | 3 | | 57 | 1 00 |
| Brunswick County. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | *Joel Reaves, L W Westcoat, Thomas Swain, | 3 | | | | | | | 40 | 1 50 |
| Beulah, | *Daniel Stanaland, *S B Stanaland, *Henry Hickman, | 5 | | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 37 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | *Ezekiel Smith*, *J P Lennon*, G W Lennon, | 3 | | | | 1 | | | 53 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | *H R Sellers, *R W Holden, *S W Simmons, | 13 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 5 | 18 | 76 | 1 00 |
| Mill Creek, | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Britain, | *James Beach, *Benj Ward, *James Phelps, | 17 | 2 | | | | 5 | 14 | 124 | 1 60 |
| Shallotte, | W M Mints, *Jesse Bennet, *D K Mints, | | 1 | | 2 | | | 14 | 79 | 1 00 |
| Union, | Robert Woodsides, Joseph Stanaland, D B Ayers, | 7 | 3 | | | | | 5 | 32 | 1 00 |
| Friendship, | Moses McKethan, Isaac Jenrett, J H Long, | 9 | 5 | | | 1 | | | 27 | 1 00 |
| Cumberland County. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | Wm Butler, David T Hollingsworth, Jos T Toler, | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | | 251 | 4 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | Joseph Downing, D L Smith, A Melvin, | | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 87 | 3 00 |
| Concord, | *A Hall, Raiford Faircloth, Joel Horn, | 21 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 1 | 1 | | 115 | 1 50 |
| Rockfish, | John Musslewhite, W C West, John Kinlaw, | 36 | 11 | | 5 | | | 1 | 85 | 1 00 |
| Piney Grove, | James Guy, Sam'l Guy, John A Guy, | 6 | | | 2 | | 2 | 27 | 65 | 1 50 |
| Wilmington. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange St., | *A P Repiton, J B Barlow, S J Riley, | 5 | 2 | | 5 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 96 | 2 00 |
| Marion Dist., S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | **Noel Bullock*, *Thos B Watson, Z Adams, | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 229 | 3 00 |
| Horry District, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | E Harrelson, John H Gerock, S S Jolly, | 2 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 125 | 1 80 |
| Little River, | W J Stanaland, *Wm J Gore, | | | | | | | 2 | 27 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | J J Ludlum, Levi Jerold, | | | | | 2 | | | 27 | 1 00 |
| United Church, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simpson Creek, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Branch, | Ezekiel H Parker, *Alva Smith, H Enzor, | | | | 3 | 2 | 8 | 18 | 135 | 2 80 |
| Springfield, | Wm Hughs, W M Hughs, John Hughs, | 5 | | | | 1 | | 10 | 57 | 1 00 |
| Magnolia, | W H Melvin, Wm Bryan, Hayse Jones, (newly admitted,) | | | | | | | | 34 | 1 50 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | J W McRay, J Scarborough, M Chinnis, | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 15 | 1 00 |

## ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES.

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| Ayers, William | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Ayers, D. B. | Little River, Horry District, S. C. |
| Bennett, Joel | Beach's P. O., Columbus County, N. C. |
| Bullard, W. B. | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Bullock, Z. | Fair Bluff, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Davis, Elias | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Dusenbury, S. | Buckville, Horry District, S. C. |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond County, N. C. |
| Fisher, Reuben | Harrison's Creek, Cumberland Co., N. C. |
| Hall, Averitt | " " " " " |
| Hill, Geo. W. | Pleasant Plains, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Honrine, J. T. | Fayetteville, Cumberland County, N. C. |
| Lennon, G. W. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Noble, A. M. | Fair Bluff, " " " |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, " " " |
| Repiton, A. Paul | Wilmington, New Hanover County, N. C. |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Stone, Isham | " " " " |
| Johnson, E. D. | " " " " |
| Harrelson, John | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Sessums, R. M. | Bryan's Swamp, Bladen County, N. C. |
| Smith, Thomas | Owenville, Sampson County, N. C. |

## LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES.

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| Bullock, Noel | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Lennon, J. P. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Gore, David N. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Smith, Ezekiel | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Smith, Joab | Owenville, Sampson County, N. C. |
| West, W. C. | Rockfish, Cumberland County, N. C. |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR
# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

THE ASHPOLE CHURCH,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1858.

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# MINUTES.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23, 1858.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder Haynes Lennon, from Ephesians, 5th chapter, 1st and 2d verses: "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children: And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour."

After an intermission of fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the Divine direction invoked by Elder Jesse Rogers.

A majority of the Churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brethren Eli Wishart, R. S. Moore and Bright Williams, a Committee of Finance.

After the reading of Letters and recording the names of Delegates, the Officers were elected, viz: Elder Haynes Lennon, Moderator; Benjamin Freeman, Clerk and Treasurer; and Thomas L. Vail, Assistant Clerk.

The Letter from the Shallotte Church was laid upon the table for future consideration.

Newly constituted Churches were now called for; when Salem, of Horry District, South Carolina, presented herself by Letter and Delegates, and was received as a member of this body.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Associations; when the Welsh Neck Association, by her Messengers, Brethren A. H. David, G. W. Reaves, John H. Toler and Henry Huggins, presented themselves with Letter, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

The Pee Dee Association also presented a Letter and a package of her Minutes, by her Messengers, Brethren Duncan Monroe and Daniel Monroe.

Appointed Brethren B. Freeman, Eli Wishart, Bright Williams, Ewen Johnson and Joseph Thompson, a Committee to supply the Stage.

Elders H. Lennon and J. H. Cobb, and Brethren B. Freeman and T. L. Vail, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Brethren Isham Pitman, A. R. Pitman, Moses Warwick, D. D. Gunn and Elias Mitchell, were appointed a Committee of Vigilance.

Elder Jesse Rogers was appointed to preach on to-morrow, at 10½ o'clock A. M.

Elders H. Lennon, D. J. Ray, Wm. B. Bullard and Brother R. M. McRackan, who were appointed a Committee at the last Session of this body to examine into the unhappy difficulty existing in the Shallotte Church, reported. Report received and the Committee discharged.

The Association then entered into the following resolutions:

Resolved, unanimously, That this Association fully sustain the action and decision of the Council sent to Shallotte Church, as set forth in the Minutes of their proceedings.

Resolved, That in our opinion said Church has treated our Council with contempt.

Resolved, further, That it is the duty of this Association to withdraw from said Church during her defection.

Ordered, that a package of the Minutes of this body be sent to said Church.

Adjourned until 9½ o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder Jordan H. Cobb.

SABBATH, OCT. 24.

The weather was fine and there was a large assemblage of persons at an early hour.

At 10½ o'clock Elder Jesse Rogers opened the services, from a discourse founded on a part of the 11th verse of the 33d chapter of Ezekiel: "For why will ye die?"

Elder P. C. Connelly, according to previous appointment, then addressed the congregation, from the 12th chapter and a part of the 15th verse of St. Luke: "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness." After which a collection was taken up in aid of Missions.

After an intermission of some twenty minutes, Elder H. Lennon preached from the 9th chapter, 28th and 29th verses of Hebrews: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

The congregation was very large and quite attentive to the Word, and we trust that the seed sown will yet vegetate and bring forth fruit to the glory of our Heavenly Father.

The Blacks having at a suitable distance erected a Stand for their own especial benefit, were addressed by Elders J. H. Cobb, G. W. Hill and E. D. Johnson. Much interest was manifested in this department of the congregation. A collection was also taken up from among the blacks.

MONDAY, OCT. 25.

The Association met according to adjournment.

After reading portions of the sacred Scriptures by the Moderator, and singing, the Divine blessing was invoked by Elder D. B. Ayres.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. Report made the order of the day.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Brethren and Ministers of this Association, who were not Delegates, to seats with us, when Elder Jesse Rogers came forward and took a seat.

Whereas, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Association, that the Church known as Bryan's Chapel was received at the last Association as a member of this body, and the fact of her being received having been omitted to be inserted in the Minutes, it is now ordered, that this fact be set forth in these Minutes.

Brethren Alva Smith, John G. Powell and Carey Bullock, were appointed an Auditing Committee.

Elders Wm. B. Bullard and Wm. Ayres, and Brother R. M. McRackan, were appointed a Committee to select Messengers and nominate Brethren to write Letters to Corresponding Associations.

Elders P. C. Connelly, G. W. Hill, D. B. Ayres and Jesse Rogers, were appointed a Committee to examine Candidates for Ordination.

Agreed that the next Session of the Association be held with the Western Prong Church, commencing at 10½ o'clock A. M. on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in October 1859; and that Elder D. B. Ayres preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Wm. Ayres be the Alternate. Elder H. Lennon to preach at 10 o'clock A. M. on Sunday, and Elder P. C. Connelly to be the Alternate. (Subject, Close Communion.) Elder William Ayres to preach at 12 o'clock, and Elder J. H. Cobb be the Alternate. Elder A. Paul Repiton to close the exercises with a Sermon on Adoption.

Agreed to have 2000 copies of the Minutes printed.

Forty dollars is allowed the Clerk for preparing, superintending the printing, and distributing of the Minutes.

The Associational School was made the order for 12 o'clock to-morrow.

On application of the Churches at Cedar Creek, Magnolia, Concord, Piney Grove, Rockfish and Cape Fear, in Cumberland County, and Providence, in Robeson County, for Letters of Dismission, they were granted them to form a new Association.

The Association made way for the Domestic Mission Board. [For proceedings, see under this head.]

The Association resumed business at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Called for the Reports on the different subjects specified in the Minutes of last Session.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Report on Colportage received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Elder William Ayres, who was appointed at last Session to report on Publication Societies, was allowed until next Session to make report.

Adjourned until to-morrow, 9½ o'clock A. M. Prayer by Brother William C. West.

TUESDAY, Oct. 26.

Met according to adjournment.

Reading a portion of the Scriptures by the Moderator, and the singing a Hymn, the Divine direction was invoked by Brother Ezekiel Smith.

The Committee of Arrangements reported.

Report received and made the order of the day.

Report on the Baptist State Convention made, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

Report of the Committee on Temperance made, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. [*See Appendix.*]

The Committee of Finance reported $96 65 sent up by the Churches for the Minute Fund, when an appeal was made to the Brethren present to make the amount $100, which was readily responded to.

Resolved, That Brother Joseph Thompson has and is entitled to the hearty thanks of this body for generously granting to Brother F. A. Belcher, a Beneficiary at Wake Forest College, the privilege of one year's tuition in right of his scholarship.

The subject of the Associational School was taken up, when it was agreed that Five Trustees be appointed for the ensuing year, to-wit: Elder Haynes Lennon, Brethren R. M. McRackan, Alva Smith, Bright Williams and William T. Frink. And that the said Trustees hold their first Meeting at Cross Roads Church, Columbus County, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November next. And the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an Agent or Agents to obtain subscriptions in aid of this great enterprize, and do whatever they in their discretion may think necessary in the prosecution of the matter, viz: The building up of an Associational School of high order, and the Association stand pledged to sustain them.

The Committee to nominate Messengers to Corresponding Associations reported. [*See Appendix.*]

Appointed the following Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to-wit: Elder H. Lennon, B. Freeman, T. L. Vail, R. M. McRackan, Daniel Stanaland, W. J. Stanaland, Jacob Thompson, Joseph Thompson, W. T. Frink, John Frink, Elder A. Paul Repiton, R. S. Townsend, Elder W. B. Bullard, Elder G. W. Lennon, Francis Lennon, Elder Isham Stone, A. R. Pitman, R. M. C. Parker, Eli Wishart, D. W. McGougan, Elder J. H. Cobb, Elder G. W. Hill, Elder F. Prevatt, W. C. West, Elder W. Ayres, Elder P. C. Connelly, John G. Sutton, Arthur Melvin, William Hollingsworth, D. T. Hollingsworth, Elder James Cashwell, John Monroe, W. H. Melvin, John B. Thompson, H. T. Pope, James Blount, R. S. Moore, Bright Williams, Giles Williams, Elder R. M. Sessoms, Elder E. D. Johnson.

The claims of the Biblical Recorder were ably set forth by the Moderator—a hearty response to the call for its support was made by a very handsome list of new subscribers.

The following Resolutions were passed and ordered to be appended to the Minutes:

On motion, Resolved, That the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our denomination in this State, is hereby recommended to our Brethren as being worthy of their patronage and a wider circulation than it has heretofore received.

Resolved, That the Tennessee Baptist, published by Messrs. Graves, Dayton & Pendleton, Nashville, Tenn., is a fearless defender of the faith of the Baptist, and worthy of our individual support.

The Association made way for a Meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

After the settlement of the business of the Board the Association again convened.

Agreed to raise a Committee on Publications, viz: Haynes Lennon, Francis Lennon, T. S. Memory, T. L. Vail and B. Freeman, whose duty shall be to establish a Depository at Elder H. Lennon's of such denominational works as they shall deem most advisable for the present, employ such agencies, whether local or traveling, as experience and necessity may require, and for facilitating such enterprize this Association hereby obligates itself to endorse a capital of two hundred and fifty dollars as a basis upon which to commence operations.

Brother Eli Wishart offered the following Preamble and Resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas: There has been a move and a Board of Directors appointed to take into consideration the subject of Sabbath School Literature, and the publishing of Books for the same, and the same having met with considerable opposition,—Therefore,

Resolved, By this Association, that we are in favor of said Organization and will give it our hearty support.

2d Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this to Elder A. C. Dayton or Elder J. R. Graves, Nashville, Tennessee.

The claims of Wake Forest College were presented before the body in a very able and forcible manner by the Moderator and other Brethren, and especially to that department that relates to our Beneficiaries. And upon a call for aid to that object the following voluntary contributions were made, viz:

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| Elder H. Lennon, | $5 00 | Bro. R. F. Marlow, | $1 00 |
| " W. Ayres, | 5 00 | " R. S. Moore, | 1 00 |
| Bro. R. M. McRackan, | 5 00 | " R. M. C. Parker, | 1 00 |
| " Alva Smith, | 5 00 | " Atlas Carliles, | 1 00 |
| " W. T. Frink, | 5 00 | " William Hughes, | 1 00 |
| " T. L. Vail, | 5 00 | " James Prevatt, | 1 00 |
| " R. S. Townsend, | 5 00 | Elder W. B. Bullard, | 1 00 |
| " B. Williams, | 5 00 | Bro. Ewen Johnson, | 1 00 |
| " J. G. Powell, | 5 00 | " Charles Bullock, | 1 00 |
| Elder Jesse Rogers, | 1 00 | " Elias Mitchell, | 1 00 |
| " P. C. Connelly, | 1 00 | " Samuel Frink, | 1 00 |
| Bro. D. T. Hollingsworth, | 2 00 | " Elias J. Horn, | 1 00 |
| " A. R. Pitman, | 1 00 | " Eli Wishart, | 1 00 |
| " G. F. Thaggard, | 1 00 | " G. P. Floyd, | 2 00 |
| " Isham Pitman, | 2 00 | " Jacob Leggett, | 2 00 |
| " Wright Lennon, | 1 00 | " Meredith Bullock, | 1 00 |
| " Norman Martin, | 1 00 | " Charles J. Floyd, | 1 00 |
| " Jacob Thompson, | 1 00 | | |
| " Isaac Hardee, | 1 00 | Total, | $78 00 |
| " John Frink, | 2 00 | | |

The Committee on Ordination reported. Report adopted. [*See Appendix.*]

The Officers of this Association, viz: Elder Haynes Lennon, B. Freeman and T. L. Vail, are constituted a Committee to bring up all unfinished business.

Agreed to revive the Bible cause in this body,—when the following contributions for that object were paid in, to-wit:

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| Elder H. Lennon, | $1 00 | Bro. Calvin Jones, | $1 00 |
| Bro. Alva Smith, | 1 00 | " G. F. Thaggard, | 50 |
| " D. W. McGougan, | 1 00 | Ashpole Bible Society, | 4 70 |
| " Daniel Stanaland, | 2 00 | Brier Branch Bible Society, | 4 45 |
| " Bright Williams, | 1 00 | Beaver Dam Bible Society, | 5 00 |
| " R. M. McRackan, | 1 00 | Bear Swamp Bible Society, | 5 00 |
| " T. L. Vail, | 1 00 | | |
| " D. T. Hollingsworth, | 50 | Total, | $29 15 |

It is ordered that the above sum, together with $6 80 for Foreign Missions, and the amount raised for Educational purposes, be placed in the hands of the Moderator, and by him to be applied to the respective objects for which they were donated.

Brother T. S. Vail offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are justly due, and are hereby heartily tendered to the Brethren and citizens generally of this community, for the very kind and courteous manner in which they have entertained us during our Session, and that this Session of our Association will long be remembered by us.

After singing the affecting and very appropriate Hymn: "For a season called to part," &c., Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Association was then adjourned to time and place specified.

HAYNES LENNON, Mod'r.

B. Freeman, Clk.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

MONDAY, October 25, 2 o'clock.

The Board went into Session.

Brethren John G. Powell, Wright Lennon and A. R Pitman, were appointed a Committee of Finance. When the following sums were paid in by Churches, individuals, &c., to-wit:

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| Ashpole, | $10 00 |
| Antioch, | 11 60 |
| Big Branch, | 15 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | 5 00 |
| Back Swamp, | 8 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | 8 00 |
| Providence, | 10 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 6 00 |
| Lumberton, | 8 00 |
| Beaver Dam, (Columbus,) | 3 50 |
| Cherry Grove, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 15 00 |
| Macedonia, | 5 00 |
| Mount Tabor, | 2 00 |
| Mount Zion, | 15 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 4 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 20 50 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 10 25 |
| Seven Creeks, | 5 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | 3 00 |
| White Marsh, | 5 00 |
| Western Prong, | 60 00 |
| Beaver Dam, (Bladen,) | 13 00 |
| Shady Grove, | 5 85 |
| Brier Branch, | 8 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 5 00 |
| Shiloh, | 5 15 |
| White Lake, | 10 00 |
| Bethel, | 4 10 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 5 55 |
| Mount Pisgah, | 7 00 |
| New Britain, | 7 00 |
| Union, | 5 00 |
| Cape Fear, | 10 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | 3 00 |
| Orange Street, | 15 00 |
| Bear Swamp, | 10 70 |
| Macedonia, (S. C.) | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| Springfield, | 5 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | 10 00 |
| T. L. Vail, | 5 00 |
| Total, | $389 20 |

Went into the election of Officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Elder Haynes Lennon, President, and Brother B. Freeman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Brother Thomas L. Vail by the payment of five dollars was entitled to a seat in the Board.

The names of the life Members were ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, viz:

Elders H. Lennon, D. B. Ayres, J. H. Cobb, F. Prevatt, William Ayres, and Brethren R. M. McRackan, J. N. McCall, Arthur Melvin, John B. Thompson and Jacob Thompson.

Called on the Itinerants to report: When Elders Jesse Rogers, William Ayres, G. W. Hill, J. H. Cobb, W. B. Bullard and H. Lennon reported. Reports received and their appendage to the Minutes ordered.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to the Itinerants the respective amounts due for their services the past year.

Brethren R. M. McRackan, B. Williams, B. Freeman, T. L. Vail and Francis Lennon, were appointed a Committee to procure the services of Itinerants to operate wherever the Board may direct, and to report on to-morrow.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow whenever the Association shall make way for the Board.

OCTOBER 26, 12½ O'CLOCK.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The Committee to procure the services of Itinerants, made their report as follows:

We have obtained the services of Elder Jesse Rogers entirely; Elder G. W. Hill for 100 days; and Elder J. H. Cobb will attend one station monthly, that is, one Saturday and Sunday in each month at or in the vicinity of Maysville, wherever he in his judgment may deem the most advantageous place.

Elder H. Lennon agrees to supply Fair Bluff at night once a month, and also to visit Elizabethtown on the fifth Sabbath and day before in each month which may have five Sundays therein.

Elder Hill to be with Elder Lennon at Elizabethtown as often as practicable.

Elder Jesse Rogers is to occupy the same field of labor assigned him last year except New Britain, Western Prong, Macedonia, (Columbus,) and Porter Swamp.

Elder G. W. Hill to occupy all around the Green Swamp, including Russ's Still, Frier, Mount Zion, White Marsh and Mount Moriah.

Agreed to raise an Executive Committee consisting of Brethren R. M. McRackan, B. Williams, W. T. Frink, Alva Smith, B. Freeman and Elder H. Lennon, who are authorized to settle any unfinished business; and attend to such other matters connected with the Board, as shall demand the attention of the Board in the interim of its meeting.

HAYNES LENNON, Pres't.

B. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee report: That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Cape Fear Association and find nothing in his hands.

Respectfully submitted.

ALVA SMITH, Chm'n.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

1st. Our Ministers should be men of application. Their minds should be intensely and earnestly applied to the word of God. The inspired requisition is still in force: "Give thyself to study that thou mayest be a workman that need not be ashamed."

2d. They should study Church History, particularly that written by Orchard, our own Church Historian.

3d. They should give a part of their time to the study of Grammar, Composition, and other useful studies, too numerous to mention.

4th. They ought by no means to neglect giving close attention to human nature. This study is a deep and intricate one, it presents itself in so many ways, after all our efforts we are liable to come to wrong conclusions concerning it.

5th. Ministers should cultivate the heart, and try by the grace of God, to exterminate every root of bitterness therefrom. They should be Epistles read and known of all men. And if their hearts are not well attended to these epistles will communicate bad intelligence.

6th. When they are passing about from place to place, they should be very careful not to say any thing about those by whom they have been graciously received and kindly entertained, without it is something good.

7th. They should be instant, in season and out of season, in every good word and work, glorifying God, as ardent piety is indispensably necessary to the existence and success of the Gospel Ministry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. C. CONNELLY, Chm'n.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Colportage would respectfully submit the following:

We have but to take a single glance at the situation of our country, and the depravity of human nature, to see the want of religious knowledge and Divine truth exhibited almost constantly. The present state of things is deplorable. Our country is flooded as it were with books teeming with historical narratives and romances, and yet so few are devoted to the sacred work of shedding abroad the hallowed influences of morality and divine truth over the depraved minds of the reading public. And why is this so? why is not the people in this free and glorious republic not supplied with good religious books of our own denomination? There is an abundant supply of excellent works issued by our Publication Societies, and offered on liberal terms; but they are not in reach of the people in the bounds of our Association. Colporteurs of other denominations are passing through our midst, and for want of our own Publications our denomination are supplying themselves with those, the influence of which is both seen and felt among us. Then in order to amend the present lamentable condition and to aid in the dissemination of religious truth, we will offer for your consideration the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the Cape Fear Baptist Association, do forthwith make arrangements with some Baptist Publication Society, to furnish us with a suitable supply of religious books, to be placed in one or more depositories.

Resolved, also, That each Baptist Minister acting as Pastor of any Church or Churches, also, Itinerant Missionaries, be requested to act as Colporteurs, and report at each Session of our Association.

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. PITMAN, Chm'n.

## REPORT ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The claims of this Institution have been laid before us twenty-six years in regular succession, and nearly as often reported on by your body, and yet perhaps received less attention than any other institution with which we stand connected.

Its objects are Home and Foreign Missions, and the Education of the Ministry. There are now about nine or ten Beneficiaries dependent upon the denomination for help, in this department, and among them our beloved F. A. Belcher, who, if not sustained by us, will have under existing circumstances to return home but half educated. Will we suffer it? Can we not raise the means? Brethren help!

In conclusion allow us to present the following:

Resolved, That we sustain the foregoing report with a liberal contribution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

For the last thirty years the subject of Temperance has engrossed the attention of many philanthropists, christians, patriots and statesmen, which has been a means of bringing forth some of the best talent in our whole country; who have written, lectured, and otherwise disseminated temperance light to such a degree that we feel that our feeble attempts to advance the cause will have very little effect; but however feeble they may be, we are willing to contribute our mite to this glorious cause, if haply any good may be effected thereby. But in the few scattered thoughts that we may throw together, we shall not attempt to delineate all the evils of intemperance,—this having so often been done by much abler hands than ours: but shall more particularly direct our remarks to the members of the Church, and most especially to those who still indulge in the habit of dram-drinking. We know it is a delicate matter, and many good brethren will be offended when we tell them that the moderate drinker does more harm than the downright drunkard; but as we have no personal invectives to heap on any one, or prejudices to gratify, we hope all will see that our aim is the glory of God.

We are aware that it has been reiterated a thousand times, that the example of the moderate drinker is worse than the drunkard, and this conclusion forces itself on us from many considerations. Almost whole families could be pointed out whose parents indulged in the moderate use of intoxicating drinks, whose sons fell victims to intemperance and other vices of the worst kind, and some we know where it has gone down to the third generation. And the danger of fostering drunkenness in our own families is not all, but those who are disposed to tamper with intoxicating drinks when warned of the danger, are sure to cite you to persons who have always been in the moderate use of it: and, especially if they are members of the Church. We ask what young man who has the least self-respect, if asked by a drunkard to go into one of those miserable sinks of iniquity, commonly known as the grog-shop, that would not feel his pride insulted? But let a respectable member of the Church invite him and he may feel that all is right, for if he reflects at all about the matter, he considers at once that if this good man indulges he certainly may, but this may lead him on, he may not stop at moderate drinking, but may go on to drunkenness. These and almost innumerable evils might be adduced to show the inconsistency of moderate drinking, but our space will not allow us to point them out.

Suppose all the money that is worse than thrown away, which is expended for intoxicating drinks in these United States, was put to benevolent purposes, such as relieving the distresses of the poor, and sending the gospel to the destitute of our own country, and into heathen lands, how much good could be effected by the reformation, no human being could possibly foresee; for, in the first place, millions of bushels of grain that our Maker designed as the staff of life, would be turned into its legitimate channel, and thousands of barrels containing intoxicating drinks never make their way to our happy land. And where we ask is the reformation to begin if it does not begin with the Church? Then let all be of one heart and one mind, determined by the grace of God to put down this one evil, by the practice of total abstinence from all that will intoxicate.

Respectfully submitted. COMMITTEE.

*Report of Committee to select Messengers and nominate Brethren to write letters to Sister Associations.*

Your Committee report as follows:

To the Welsh Neck Association: A. R. Pitman, Isham Pitman, Noel Bullock, R. S. Moore and Elder Jesse Rogers.

To write letter to the same, Elder H. Lennon.

To the Pee Dee Association: James Humphrey, Jacob Thompson, D. D. Gunn and Elder F. Prevatt.

To write the letter, Elder P. C. Connelly.

To the Union Association: Elder A. Paul Repiton, George Melvin, William H. Melvin, D. H. Mashburn, Monroe Peterson and John G. Sutton.

Elder H. Lennon to write letter.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. B. BULLARD, Chm'n.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully submit the following report:

We think the importance of Sunday Schools was never more manifest than in the age of common schools and educational facilities. Public schools are increasing almost every where. The teachers to fill the schools are mainly selected for their competency to develop the intellect. But man is something more than a mere intellectual machine,—he is a compound being possessing moral, as well as intellectual faculties; and surely, it is no less important to educate the former than the latter. We cannot conceive a better way of approaching our duty in this respect, than by the agency of Sunday Schools. Let every Church establish its Schools and then let the members of Churches discharge their duties as teachers, and we think the next generation will bear fruit, if not meet for repentance, that will not be a stigma upon God's people: but we trust thus men and women may be made, prepared, reared up, and be worthy to take their places when they are gone to their rest.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. COBB, Chm'n.

## *Report of Committee for the examination of Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.*

Report as follows: We cordially approve of the call, Christian experience and consistent lives of Brethren William C. West, Noel Bullock and D. N. Gore, and consequently recommend them for Ordination.

But particularly enjoin upon them to apply their minds to the word of God and all other useful studies.

J. ROGERS, Chairman.

## MISSIONARY REPORTS.

### *Report of Elder Jesse Rogers, to the Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—I now proceed to give you some account of my Ministerial labors as your Itinerant in the lower division of the Associational District.

Soon after my appointment, I entered the field assigned me by your Committee. I labored for about two months under great disadvantage and discouragement. I found most of the Churches very cold and languid—had very small congregations, and sometimes none. My first efforts were to endeavor to arouse the Churches to a sense of duty and more energy,—in this I succeeded with most of them—life and action seemed to spring up, and a good state of things has ensued; for the last two or three months, I have had good congregations and many interesting meetings. I have baptized but few, believing that duty (or rather privilege,) belonged to the several Pastors. During the last two or three months I have spent part of my time out of our former bounds in Horry District and All Saint's Parish, where my meetings were well attended, and much interest manifested; though I met with some opposition, and on one occasion was turned out of doors as a Minister: but all turned out for the furtherance of the Gospel.

I have travelled (including a few rest days,) 156 days, preached 154 sermons, visited many families,—conversing with and praying for them together, with many individuals, both by the fireside and on the way,—in all cases pointing them to a bleeding Saviour who takes away the sin of the world.

I have constituted one small Church out of our former bounds.

I have received from the Churches $44 23 as follows:

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| Little River, | $3 48 | Western Prong, | $4 75 |
| Mt. Sinai, | 2 00 | Pleasant Hill, | 4 75 |
| Friendship, | 5 00 | Mt. Tabor, | 50 |
| Beulah, | 10 00 | Beaver Dam, | 1 70 |
| New Britain, | 2 50 | Seven Creeks, | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 6 25 | Porter Swamp, | 1 80 |

In conclusion permit me to express my gratitude to your Committee for the confidence reposed in me, and especially to God for the blessings which have attended the feeble efforts of your unworthy servant.

Travelling expenses $1 75.

JESSE ROGERS.

## REPORT OF ELDER J. H. COBB.

Dear Brethren:—In June last I commenced my services for the Board, and have given as much of my time to it as I could. I have charged to the Board 60 days including rest days. I have met as good congregations as I could expect, and apparently anxious to hear the Gospel of the Son of God.

All the Churches you assigned me being supplied with Pastors, I have not been called on to administer the Ordinance of Baptism but once; but hope my weak efforts have not been altogether in vain. I have had some warm and interesting meetings, and the warm christian-like manner that I have been received and treated, calls for my hearty thanks to my brethren among whom I have been. May the blessings of Almighty God rest upon them all.

And now, dear Brethren, I return you my thanks for the confidence you reposed in me as one of your Missionaries.

May God bless the cause of Missions, is my prayer for Christ sake.

J. H. COBB.

## REPORT OF ELDER G. W. HILL.

*To the Board of Domestic Missions of the Cape Fear Association.*

Dear Brethren:—By request I have devoted a small portion of my time in the close of the year in your service, during which time I have travelled 41 days including rest days, Baptized 16 persons, and received $5, while in the service of the Board.

I have had the pleasure of attending several interesting meetings, and to some extent seen my feeble labors blessed in the cause of my Divine Master.

In conclusion, Dear Brethren, permit me to call your special attention to the Churches and Stations assigned me as an inviting field of labor, which calls loudly for assistance, and humbly think the cause may be materially advanced by your keeping an efficient Itinerant Minister operating regularly in that portion of the Lord's vineyard.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. HILL.

## REPORT OF ELDER WILLIAM AYRES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I have endeavored to attend to the duties of your Itinerant on the East side of the Cape Fear River, and have had good and attentive congregations. I have labored 44 days, preached 48 sermons, labored in protracted meetings, both day and night, and have seen the manifestations of much good. And may the Lord bless the feeble efforts made by your servant, and may the good cause go on in peace, until every destitute and dark corner of the Association has the Gospel preached in its purity every Sabbath to them, is the prayer of your servant for Christ's sake. Amen.

WILLIAM AYRES.

Elders W. B. Bullard and H. Lennon made verbal reports, as the time devoted to the service of the Board by each of them was short.

## *A Digest of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Antioch—As usual sends pleasing intelligence. She has had preaching three days in each month, with a steady increase in numbers, and a hearty desire after more of the bread of life. Has a Bible Class. Elder H. Lennon is supply.

Ashpole—Has enjoyed some delightful meetings, and received a goodly number to baptism. They have sustained by death a loss of seven members. Elder William Ayres is Pastor.

Back Swamp—Speaks of a glorious revival. Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor. [N. B. The apparent discrepancy in the total membership of this Church has grown out of a revision of the Church Book, and correction of her statistics.]

Bear Swamp—Has experienced but little change. Has a Bible Class. Elder William Ayres is supply.

Beaver Dam, (Bladen)—Peace and harmony abound. Has a Bible Society. Elder William Ayres is supply.

Beaver Dam, (Columbus)—Is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Has a Sabbath School. Elder A. M. Noble is Pastor.

Big Branch—Has experienced a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Has a well conducted Bible Class. Elder H. Lennon is supply.

Brier Branch—Communicates nothing interesting. Elder William Ayres is supply.

Bryan's Chapel—Asks the prayers of the Lord's people. Elder G. W. Lennon supply.

Bethel—Has the Gospel faithfully preached by Elder D. B. Ayres, and is awaiting the blessing of the Lord.

Beaulah—Bespeaks an advancement in piety, and is looking forward to a revival. Elder D. B. Ayres is Pastor.

Cape Fear—Is enjoying a glorious revival of religion. Elder Hugh McAlpin is supply.

Cedar Creek—Has experienced a precious revival and enjoys much peace and love. Elder E. D. Johnson is supply.

Cheerful Hope—Nothing very important. Has a Sunday School. Elder G. W. Lennon is Pastor.

Cherry Grove—Has experienced a long wintry season. Acknowledges her delinquency; is looking forward for better times. Elder Z. Bullock is supply.

Concord—Have taken down their harps from the willows, and are rejoicing in the Lord.

Cross Roads—Is in a healthy improving condition. Has to mourn the loss by death of their aged and esteemed Sister Sally Lennon, widow of the late Elder Dennis Lennon. Elder H. Lennon is supply.

Friendship—Is in a growing condition. Elder A. M. Noble is supply.

Hickory Grove—Has enjoyed quite a refreshing season. Has considerable amount of preaching. Elder F. Prevatt is supply.

Honey Camp—Enjoys peace and harmony. Elder Z. Bullock is supply.

Iron Hill Cross Roads—Coldness seems to abound. Elder G. W. Hill is supply.

Lumberton—Has experienced some revival, and a good state of things seems to exist. Have engaged the services of Elder H. Lennon as supply.

Little River—No intelligence from her.

Macedonia (Columbus)—Is in peace. Elder Z. Bullock is supply.

Macedonia (S. C.)—Has nothing special to communicate. Elder Z. Bullock is supply.

Magnolia—Has had a gracious outpouring of the Spirit of God. Has had the labors of Elders Fisher and McAlpin.

Mill Creek has been revived to a limited extent. Elder John Harrelson is supply.

Mount Eliam—Is in good condition, having experienced a gracious revival. Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

Mount Pisgah—Under the labors of Elder John Harrelson the membership of the Church has been nearly doubled. Has a Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting.

Mt. Sinai—Peace and harmony abound. Elder D. J. Ray is supply.

Mt. Tabor—Nothing special. Elder John Harrelson is Pastor.

Mt. Zion—After a long and spiritual drouth, is made to rejoice in the return of the Holy Spirit, under the labors of Elders Hill and Lennon. Destitute of Pastor or supply.

New Britain—Gives glory to God for bringing sinners to repentance. Elder Joel Bennet is Pastor.

Orange Street—After a long and dreary season, has been visited with quite an extensive revival. About 100 members having been added to her in a few months. Elder A. Paul Repiton is Pastor.

Piney Grove—In peace and union. A. Hall is Pastor.

Pleasant Grove—Has been visited with quite a copious outpouring of the Spirit; and a very considerable accession to her membership. Elder E. D. Johnson is supply.

Pleasant Hill—Is progressing gradually in divine things. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

Pleasant Plains—Is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and growing in grace and knowledge of the truth. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Porter Swamp—Is afflicted with some disorderly members. Elder G. W. Hill is supply.

Providence—Complains of coldness and barrenness. Elder J. H. Cobb is Pastor.

Raft Swamp—Exhibits rather a pleasing state of things. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Rockfish—The spiritual condition not mentioned. Elder P. C. Connelly is supply.

Saddle Tree—Has been visited with a considerable revival, under the labors of the Pastor and Brother W. C. West. Elder F. Prevatt is supply.

Salem—Recently constituted. Sound in the faith.

Shady Grove—Has had the labors of her Pastor and other brethren in the Ministry, desires a continuance of the Itinerancy. Elder Isham Stone is supply.

Shallotte—Is dissatisfied with the action of the Council sent by the last Association. No Pastor.

Shiloh—Gives pleasing intelligence of the state of things, and under the labors of Elder W. B. Bullard, has been abundantly revived.

Seven Creeks—No material change. Destitute of a Pastor.

Spring Branch—Nothing of special interest. Elder P. C. Connelly is supply.

Springfield—Unimportant. Without a Pastor.

Union—Manifest improvement in the congregation. Elder D. B. Ayres is supply.

United Church—Is surrounded by Antinomianism, but is endeavoring to maintain the faith. Elder Thomas G. Rogers is supply.

Western Prong—Unimportant. Elder G. W. Hill is supply.

White Lake—Gives a cheering account of spiritual prosperity. Elder W. B. Bullard is supply.

White Marsh—Under the labors of Elders D. J. Ray and G. W. Hill, the Lord has been graciously pleased to pour out a rich effusion of His Holy Spirit.

Mt. Moriah—Not represented.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, TREASURER.

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| 1858. | | |
| Oct. | To amt. sent by the Churches for Minute Fund, | $96 65 |
| " | " contributed by Brethren in the Association, | 3 35 |
| | | $100 00 |

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| Paid for printing these Minutes, | $60 00 | |
| " Clerk for his services, | 40 00 | |
| | | $100 00 |

Respectfully submitted.

B. FREEMAN, Treas'r.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rec. by Let | Restored. | Dismissed. | Dead. | Excluded. | Blacks. | Total. | Ass'n Fund |
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| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | WILLIAM AYRES, A R Pitman, Alexander Andrews, | 21 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 79 | 250 | $3 00 |
| Antioch, | *J W Smith, *James A Rozier, Eli Wishart, | 11 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 189 | 2 05 |
| Big Branch, | Moses Warwick, W B BULLARD, B Williams, | 25 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 171 | 3 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | ISHAM STONE, Samuel Stone, E Britt, | 24 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 86 | 1 00 |
| Back Swamp, | James Humphrey, P C CONNELLY, C G Stephens, | 21 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 40 | 143 | 2 00 |
| Saddle Tree, | *John Humphrey, W W Powell, Atlas Carlie, | 20 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | | 37 | 91 | 2 00 |
| Providence, | J H COBB, D W McGougan, Merrit Amsley, | | | | 2 | | 2 | 13 | 41 | 2 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | *F PREVATT, James Prevatt, E D JOHNSON, C Staten, | 15 | | | 2 | | 9 | 6 | 83 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | R S Moore, *Norman Martin*, E J Horn, | 46 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 2 | | 41 | 121 | 1 50 |
| Lumberton, | B Freeman, D D Gunn, R S Moore, | 9 | 7 | 2 | | | | 3 | 40 | 2 00 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | A M NOBLE, D Ward, Joshua Hinson, | 30 | 1 | | | 2 | 5 | 1 | 128 | 2 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | *Bythel Bufkin, *Bethel Bufkin, *Isham Strickland, | | 6 | | | 2 | | 1 | 17 | 1 00 |
| Cross Roads, | Francis Lennon, Wright Lennon, T L Vail, | 8 | 1 | | | 1 | | 39 | 135 | 3 00 |
| Macedonia, | John Edmund, J P Walters, *J P Edmund, | | | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 65 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | John Todd, *Samuel Gerrold, *J L Powell, | 2 | | | 5 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 65 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Moriah, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Tabor, | *Isaac Sowles, *E Coleman, J H Mills, | | 1 | | 22 | | 5 | | 67 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Zion, | Orren Lennon, Calvin Jones, J E Campbell, | 9 | | 2 | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 43 | 3 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G W HILL, John Best, Theophilus Suggs, | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 28 | 144 | 3 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | J G Powell, *D F Williamson, A F Powell, Daniel Coleman, | 5 | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | 32 | 131 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | William T Frink, *D N Gore*, John Frink, | 9 | 5 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 86 | 2 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | R F Marlow, *James Long, E W Fowler, | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | | | 36 | 50 |
| Mt. Sinai, | E H Todd, Solomon Harrelson, *B J White, | 4 | 5 | | 2 | | 4 | 2 | 59 | 1 50 |
| White Marsh, | *Levi Dew, John Creech, Thomas Penny, | 60 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 61 | 131 | 1 50 |
| Western Prong, | R M McRackan, H LENNON, *T S Memory, | 5 | 2 | | | | | 11 | 35 | 2 00 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | *P P Rollins, G F Melvin, Lucian Hall, D B Melvin, | 6 | 3 | | 14 | | | 15 | 155 | 3 00 |

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| Shady Grove, | B A Thompson, George R Thompson, Shadrach Thompson, | 4 | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | | 40 | 1 00 |
| Brier Branch, | Jonathan Jones, *Nathan Johnson, *W F Jessup, | 18 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 155 | 2 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | Ewen Johnson, *R M Sessom, *Allen Edwards, | 25 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 5 | 20 | 124 | 3 00 |
| Shiloh, | *Ed Martin, *Evan Ellis, *Peter Monroe, *Jno Monroe, S Cain, | 29 | 7 | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 42 | 139 | 2 00 |
| White Lake, | *J G Sutton, D H Mashburn, Monroe Peterson, | 15 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 68 | 1 50 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | Samuel Westcoat, Thomas Swain, Isaac Reynolds, | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 43 | 1 50 |
| Beaulah, | Daniel Stanaland, *S R Stanaland, *H Hickman, | 4 | 2 | | | | 2 | | 41 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | *Ezekiel Smith*, *G W Lennon, R P Lennon, | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 42 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | Levi Swain, *Lorenzo Sellers, *R J Long, | 75 | 10 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 168 | 2 25 |
| Mill Creek, | S B Robbins, *Peter Tharp, *Joseph Singletary, | 6 | | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 10 | 54 | 1 50 |
| New Britain, | J W Phelps, *B Ward, Archibald Evans, | 26 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 4 | | 102 | 1 50 |
| Shallotte, | *Daniel K Mints, *Asa T Hewett, *Samuel Bennett, | | | | 11 | | 4 | | 57 | 1 00 |
| Union, | Joseph Stanaland, D B Ayres, | 9 | | | 3 | | 2 | | 26 | 1 00 |
| Friendship, | Daniel B McKeithan, Samuel Frink, *Isaac Jenerett, | 23 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 51 | 1 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | **J P Lennon*, John Smith, *William A Robbins, | 2 | 3 | | | | 1 | 2 | 19 | 1 00 |
| CUMBERLAND COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Fear, | J T Toler, James S Baird, David T Hollingsworth, | 50 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 8 | 1 | | 284 | 4 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | Allen A McCaskill, Geo F Thaggard, W Hollingsworth, | 27 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | 5 | | 103 | 3 00 |
| Concord, | *A Hall, R Faircloth, James L Autry, | 11 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | | 131 | 1 50 |
| Rockfish, | John Musslewhite, *W C West*, James B Arnet, | 14 | 2 | | 12 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 78 | 1 00 |
| Piney Grove, | James Guy, *John Guy, *J T Honrine, | 4 | | | | | 2 | 27 | 67 | 1 50 |
| Magnolia, | William H Melvin, Hardy Jones, *Hugh Jones, | 17 | 9 | | | 3 | | 2 | 58 | 1 50 |
| NEW HANOVER. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street, | R S Townsend, R M C Parker, *S J Riley, | 90 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 31 | 184 | 4 00 |
| MARION DIST., S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | Z Adams, G H Watson, N Pitman, | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 8 | 21 | 214 | 3 00 |
| HORRY DISTRICT, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | Isaac Hardee, *Edward Powell, D G Blanton, | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 125 | 1 35 |
| Little River, | Not Represented. | | | | | | | | 27 | |
| Macedonia, | J J Ludlam, Levi Gerrold, | 1 | | | | | | | 28 | 50 |
| United Church, | Chesnut Todd, *W L DuBois, *J B Edge, | | | | | 3 | 4 | 18 | 66 | 50 |
| Spring Branch. | Alva Smith, Cary Bullock, *E H Parker, | 2 | | | 4 | | 2 | 18 | 136 | 3 00 |
| Springfield, | William Hughes, *Daniel Hardee, *Samuel Hughes, | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 10 | 56 | 1 00 |
| Salem, | By Letter, | | | | | | | | 8 | 50 |

## *Report of Treasurer of Domestic Missions Board in Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, TREASURER.

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| 1858. | | |
| Oct. | To Cash received from former Treasurer, | $ 17 05 |
| | " amount contributed by Churches and individuals, | 389 20 |
| | " " of Sabbath collection, | 49 12 |
| | | $455 37 |

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| 1858. | | | |
| Oct. | Amount paid Elder Jesse Rogers, | $191 00 | |
| | " " " J. H. Cobb, | 90 00 | |
| | " " " G. W. Hill, | 56 50 | |
| | " " " William Ayres, | 66 00 | |
| | " " " W. B. Bullard, | 14 50 | |
| | " " " Haynes Lennon, | 10 50 | |
| | | | $428 50 |
| | Balance in the hands of Treasurer, | | $26 87 |

Respectfully submitted.

B. FREEMAN, Treas'r.

| ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|
| AYRES, WILLIAM | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| AYRES, D. B. | Little River, Horry District, S. C. |
| BENNETT, JOEL | Beach's P. O., Columbus County, N. C. |
| BULLARD, W. B. | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| BULLOCK, Z. | Fair Bluff, Columbus County, N. C. |
| CONNELLY, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond County, N. C. |
| CASHWELL, JAMES | Rockfish, Cumberland County, N. C. |
| DAVIS, ELIAS | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| DUSENBURY, SAMUEL | Bucksville, Horry District, S. C. |
| FISHER, REUBEN | Harrison's Creek, Cumberland County, N. C. |
| HALL, AVERITT | " " " " " |
| HILL, G. W. | Pleasant Plains, Columbus County, N. C. |
| HONRINE, J. T. | Fayetteville, Cumberland County, N. C. |
| HARRELSON, JOHN | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| JOHNSON, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| LENNON, G. W. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| LENNON, HAYNES | Big Swamp, Columbus County, N. C. |
| NOBLE, A. M. | Fair Bluff, " " " |
| PREVATT, FURNEY | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| RAY, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| REPITON, A. PAUL | Wilmington, New Hanover County, N. C. |
| ROGERS, JESSE | Blanton's X Roads, Horry District, S. C. |
| STONE, ISHAM | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| SESSUMS, R. M. | Bryan Swamp, Bladen County, N. C. |
| SMITH, THOMAS | Owenville, Sampson County, N. C. |
| LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES. | |
| BULLOCK, NOEL | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| GORE, D. N. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| LENNON, J. P. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| SMITH, EZEKIEL | " " " " " |
| SMITH, JOAB | Owenville, Sampson County, N. C. |
| WEST, W. C. | Rockfish, Cumberland County, N. C. |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

**WESTERN PRONG CHURCH, COLUMBUS CO., N. C.,**

October 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1859.

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# Minutes.

SATURDAY, *October* 22, 1859.

The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder D. B. Ayres, from Matthew 6th chapter and part of 10th verse: "Thy kingdom come."

After an intermission of fifteen minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and after reading appropriate portions of Scripture and singing a hymn, the Divine direction was invoked by Elder G. W. Hill.

A majority of the churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brethren A. F. Powell, F. Lennon and G. W. Hill, a Committee of Finance.

After the reading of letters, and recording the names of Delegates, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Elder Haynes Lennon, Moderator, and Benjamin Freeman, Clerk and Treasurer, and Alfred R. Pitman, Assistant Clerk.

An invitation was then extended to corresponding Associations, when Welsh Neck Association, by her messengers, Brethren Wm. J Toler, G. M. Reaves and Elder B. A. Jackson, presented themselves with letter and a small package of their Minutes, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

Prof. W. M. Wingate, and Elder J. S. Purefoy, from the Raleigh Association, were in attendance and cordially invited to seats with us.

Received a letter of correspondence, accompanied with a small package of the Minutes from the Pee Dee Association. Also a letter of Correspondence from the Cedar Creek Association, but no messengers from either of these bodies.

A letter was received from Elder A. C. Dayton, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Managers of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union, together with a package of the "Childrens' Friend."

Elder Wm. Ayres requested to be released from preaching the Missionary Sermon on to-morrow, and that Elder W. M. Wingate be appointed in his stead. Agreed to.

A letter from the Shallotte Church was presented by delegates, humbly asking to be restored to the fellowship of this body. The matter being fully investigated, and the acknowledgements satisfactory, the delegates were received.

On motion, it was agreed to devote one-half hour of each day, (after to-morrow) to devotional exercises.

Newly constituted churches were now called for, when *Lebanon*, of Horry District, S. C., presented herself with letter and delegates, and was received as a member of this body. *Paradise*, of Bladen County, also made application for admittance, by her letter and delegates and was received. Also *White Oak*, in Bladen County, which was received.

Appointed Brethren B. Freeman, R. Wooten, A. F. Powell, F. Lennon, and John Ellis, a Committee to supply the stage.

Elder B. Lennon, A. Paul Repiton, and Brethren B. Freeman, and A. R. Pitman, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned until 9 1-2 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder William Ayers.

SABBATH, *October* 23, 1859.

The day was mild and pleasant, and a large assemblage of persons was on the ground at the time appointed for the services to commence.

Agreeable to previous appointment Elder H. Lennon opened the services with a discourse on "Close Communion;" founded on the 11th chapter and 16th verse of 1st Corinthians: "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God."

At 12 o'clock, M., Professor W. M. Wingate preached the Missionary sermon from Acts, 9th chapter and 6th verse: "And he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

After an intermission of about 30 minutes, Elder A. Paul Repiton, agreeably to previous appointment, delivered a discourse on "Adoption," founded on the 1st verse of the 3d chapter of the 1st General Epistle of John: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God?"

These sermons were all of unusual interest, and delivered in a clear, forcible and impressive manner, to a very large congregation, and we are happy to have it to say, one of the most orderly that we have ever witnessed on such an occasion; and we humbly trust, that the labors of this day may be blest, to the good of many precious, immortal souls.

MONDAY, *October* 24, 9 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met according to adjournment.

On motion, Elder A. Paul Repiton, was appointed Moderator, *pro tem.*, who conducted the religious exercises, the half hour assigned by the body, when the Moderator took the chair, and the Association proceeded to business.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. Report made the order of the day.

Elder J. F. B. Mays, agent for the "Southern Baptist Theological Seminary," located at Greenville, S. C., was introduced to the body, and an opportunity was afforded him to explain the object of his mission. Professor Wingate, Elders Purefoy, Lennon, Wm. Ayers, and other brethren, addressed the body on the importance of building up and sustaining this Seminary. When on a call for aid to carry out the object contemplated, the following persons came forward and subscribed the several amounts opposite their names, to wit:

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| A. F. Powell, | $100 00 |
| Richard Wooten, | 100 00 |
| Haynes Lennon, | 100 00 |
| Marmaduke Powell, | 100 00 |
| Wm. J. Toler, | 100 00 |
| John H. Toler, | 50 00 |
| John E. Lennon, | 25 00 |
| J. E. Campbell, | 25 00 |
| Giles Williamson, | 50 00 |
| Jesse Rogers, | 15 00 |
| George W. Lennon, | 30 00 |
| D. F. Williams, | 100 00 |
| John Monroe, | 30 00 |
| J. M. M. Gore, | 30 00 |
| | $855 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $855 00 |
| Samuel Frink, Jr., paid | 5 00 |
| Daniel Stanaland. | 25 00 |
| T. W. Ayers, | 30 00 |
| Joseph Stanaland, | 30 00 |
| Rufus P. Lennon, | 25 00 |
| Wm. T. Frink, | 100 00 |
| Ewen Johnson, | 50 00 |
| Alva G. Mears, | 15 00 |
| William Kinyan, | 15 00 |
| D. H. Callyhan, | 30 00 |
| G. W. Hill, | 30 00 |
| Calvin Jones, | 30 00 |
| John G. Powell, | 50 00 |
| Daniel Phillips, | 15 00 |
| R. H. Martin, | 15 00 |
| B. S. Jones, | 15 00 |
| Zadoc Bullock, | 15 00 |
| Lewis Humphrey, | 15 00 |
| William Vause, | 15 00 |
| D. B. Ayres, paid | 5 00 |
| Joseph H. Williams, | 10 00 |
| J. B. T. Patterson, | 30 00 |
| Noel Bullock, | 15 00 |
| H. T. Pope, | 30 00 |
| Norman Martin, | 15 00 |
| James Jones, | 15 00 |
| A. M. Gore, | 15 00 |
| Samuel Stone, | 15 00 |
| William Hughes, | 15 00 |
| Everett Phillips, | 15 00 |
| Lewis Williamson, | 30 00 |
| George L. Brown, | 15 00 |
| Col. Wm. M. Baldwin, | 50 00 |
| Making a sum total of | $1,635 00 |

After a recess of half an hour the Association was called to order. Prayer by Elder Wm. B. Bullard.

Called for letters and Delegates from churches which have not been represented heretofore, when Piney Grove, a newly constituted church from Marion District, S. C., with letter and delegates, made application for admittance into this body, and were received.

Elder Wm. B. Bullard, Brethren John Monroe, and Daniel Phillips, were appointed a Committee to select messengers to corresponding Associations.

Elders A. Paul Repiton, J. F. B. Mays, and Jesse Rogers, were appointed a Committee to examine candidates for ordination.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church, at Porter Swamp, Columbus County, N. C., to commence Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1860. Services to commence at 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M. Elder J. B. T. Patterson to preach the Introductory sermon, and Elder G. W. Hill, be the Alternate.—Elder A. Paul Repiton, to preach a sermon on "Baptism," at 10 o'clock on Sabbath of our next meeting, and Elder H. Lennon is appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at 12 o'clock of the same day; Elder Wm. Ayres. to be his Alternate.

The following Committees were announced from the Chair, to wit:

On Ministerial Education;—Elder J. B. F. Patterson, A. R. Pitman, and Elder G. W. Hill.

On the Baptist State Convention:—Professor W. M. Wingate, R. M. McRackan, and Elder Wm. Ayres.

On Colportage:—Elders J.S. Purefoy, A. Paul Repiton, and Brother Richard Wooten.

On Foreign Missions:—Elders J. F. B. Mays, D. B. Ayres, and Brother D. F. Williamson.

On Periodicals:—Elders H. Lennon, B. Freeman, and A. R. Pitman.

On Temperance:—R. M. McRackan, Elders A. Paul Repiton, and Professor Wingate.

Agreed that the subject of the Associational High School, be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A letter of grievance and petition for redress, from certain expelled members of Big Branch church, was read before the body, and on an investigation of the matter it was agreed to send a Committee to the said church, consisting of Elders William Ayres, P. C. Connelly, Noel Bullock, E. D. Johnson and G. W. Hill, whose duty it shall be to make a full investigation and report their doings to the next meeting of this body.

Adjourned until 9 1-2 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder A. Paul Repiton.

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TUESDAY, *October* 25, 1859.

Met according to adjournment.

Elder A. Paul Repiton in the chair, who conducted the devotional exercises for half an hour, when the Moderator took the chair, and after reading and correcting the Minutes, called on the Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received, and made the order of the day.

The subject of the Associational High School was then taken up. Elder A. Paul Repiton, in the chair.

Called on the Trustees of the school to report. No written report having been prepared, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, made a verbal report.

Agreed to relieve the Association of its indebtedness to the Agent of the school, which had to be done by voluntary contribution of the friends of the measure present, and a call for aid for that specific object, the sum of $33,75 was paid over to the Moderator, who is to pay the same to the Agent.

On motion, the bonds and funds heretofore raised by the Agent, are ordered to be handed over to the Treasurer of this Association.

Agreed that the Pastors of churches, and the Missionaries employed by this body, be requested to act as Agents for the school, and lay the subject fully before their respective charges and congregations, and ascertain what can be done in the premises, and report to the next Session of this Association.

*Resolved*, That the bonds already obtained, be presented by the persons authorized to do so, to those who made them, with a request that said bonds shall still be in force, with leave to extend the time of their maturity ; and if those who made the bonds are unwilling to renew or pay them, to return them.

On motion, Elders H. Lennon, F. Lennon, B. Williams, T. A. Norment and Ewen Johnson, were appointed a Board of Trustees for this school.

*Resolved*, That as Brother R. M. McRacken, has now a school that is conducted by himself, and as we know him to be well qualified to prepare young men for usefulness in any department of business, or if need be, for a collegiate course, we consieer his school well worthy the patronage of the denomination; therefore, agreed unanimously, that we patronize said school until further steps can be made in relation to the High School.

Agreed to have 2,000 copies of the Minutes published.

The Clerk is allowed $40 for his services.

On petition of the church, at Saddle Tree, a letter of Dismission was granted her, to join the Cedar Creek Association.

Made way for the Domestic Mission Board.

Went into the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of Elder H. Lennon, President, and B. Freeman, Secretary and Treasurer.

A. F. Powell, F. Lennon and Elder G. W. Hill, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The churches were then called in order, and the following sums respectively, were paid in, to wit:

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| Ashpole, | $16 00 |
| Antioch, | 10 00 |
| Big Branch, | 11 65 |
| Mt. Eliam, | 5 00 |
| Back Swamp, | 6 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | 6 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 6 50 |
| Lumberton, | 16 05 |
| Beaver Dam, (Columbus,) | 5 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 10 00 |
| Macedonia, | 5 00 |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads, | 5 00 |
| Mt. Moriah, | 3 50 |
| Mt. Tabor, | 5 00 |
| Mt. Zion, | 20 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 15 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 7 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 21 25 |
| Orange Street, | 15 00 |
| Honey Camp, | 5 00 |
| | $204 45 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $204 45 |
| United Churches, | 5 00 |
| Springfield, | 6 25 |
| Lebanon, | 10 00 |
| White Oak, | 5 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | 5 00 |
| White Marsh, | 11 00 |
| Western Prong, | 10 00 |
| Beaver Dam, (Bladen,) | 11 83 |
| Shady Grove, | 5 65 |
| Brier Branch, | 5 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 10 05 |
| Shiloh, | 11 00 |
| White Lake, | 5 90 |
| Bethel, | 10 00 |
| Beaulah, | 15 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 10 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | 2 75 |
| New Britain, | 7 00 |
| Shallotte, | 7 75 |
| Union, | 5 00 |
| Friendship, | 10 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | 10 00 |
| Bear Swamp, | 11 05 |
| Little River, | 10 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| Salem, | 9 25 |
| Piney Grove, | 5 00 |
| Paradise, | 9 00 |
| The Congregation at Jordan's School House, | 6 00 |
| Absolom Powell, | 5 00 |
| J. G. Powell, | 5 00 |
| H. Lennon, | 5 00 |
| R. Wooten, | 5 00 |
| A. F. Powell, | 5 00 |
| D. F. Williamson, | 5 00 |
| G. W. Lennon, | 3 00 |
| Total | $476 23 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $476 23 |
| Wm. Kinyan, | 1 00 |
| T. S. Memory, | 5 00 |
| Bladen Union, | 11 91 |
| Accounted for by Elder Jesse Rogers after settlement, | 2 00 |
| Total, | $496 14 |

Called on the Itenerants to report.

Elder G. W. Hill, reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

Elder H. Lennon made a verbal report, that he had attended at Fair Bluff six days, and at Elizabethtown four days, making in all ten days' service.

Elder Jesse Rogers reported. Report received. (See Appendix.)

Elder J. H. Cobb's report was handed in by Elder Lennon, which was received. (See Appendix.)

Appointed an Executive Committee, as follows: Elder H. Lennon, F. Lennon, B. Freeman, A. R. Pitman, Wm. T. Frink, R. M. McRackan and A. F. Powell.

The Committee of Finance reported. Report received.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the Missionaries, pro rata.

Adjourned until the next session of the Association.

The Association re-assembled immediately on the adjournment of the Board.

The Committee of Finance reported:

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| The amount sent up by the churches for the Minute Fund, | $90 00 |
| Sabbath contribution, | 68 35 |

Called for reports on the subjects specified heretofore.

Report on Ministerial Education read and received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Report on Colportage made. It was agreed to raise a Committee on Colportage, whose business shall be to have the entire control of that department, and make their report to the next session of this body; whereupon, the following were appointed said committee, to wit:

Elder H. Lennon, R. M. McRackan, T. A. Norment, R. Wooten, A. F. Powell, Elder R. M. Sessom, and F. Lennon; and the report referred to them.

Report of Committee on Ordination made and received. (See Appendix.)

Report on Foreign Missions read and received. (See Appendix.)

Report on Periodicals made and received. (See Appendix.)

Report of Committee to nominate messengers to corresponding sister Associations made their report. Adopted.

The following sums for the Bible cause were paid in, to wit:

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| Ashpole Church, | $6 30 |
| Bear Swamp Church, | 4 90 |
| Elder H. Lennon, | 1 00 |
| Daniel Stanaland, | 2 00 |
| R. M. McRackan, | 1 00 |
| J. W. Gore, | 1 00 |
| A. F. Powell, | 1 00 |
| Total, | $17 20 |

Which amount was paid over to the Moderator, with instructions to forward to Baptist State Convention.

Agreed that the Moderator select the delegates to attend the Baptist State Convention.

The following resolution was offered by Elder A. P. Repiton, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

The Officers of this body are constituted an Executive Committee, who are to arrange all unfinished business.

After singing the familiar hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., and prayer by the Moderator, the session was formally adjourned to time and place specified. HAYNES LENNON, *Mod'r.*

B. FREEMAN, *Clerk.*

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Dead. | Excluded. | Blacks. | Total. | Associat'n Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *ROBESON—* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | WILLIAM AYRES, A R Pittman, J Thompson,* | 31 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 111 | 281 | $3 |
| Antioch, | Eli Wishart, A G Mears, | 2 | .... | 5 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 170 | 2 62 |
| Big Branch, | W B BULLARD, G Williams, M Warwick,* | 13 | .... | 6 | 7 | .... | 9 | 4 | 166 | 3 |
| Mt Eliam, | E Phillips, E Stone, Samuel Stone, | 16 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 95 | 1 50 |
| Back Swamp, | James Humphrey, G W Thompson, H Inman, | 10 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 39 | 142 | 2 50 |
| Saddle Tree, | A Carlile*, L Humphrey, D C Humphrey, | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 37 | 92 | 2 |
| Raft Swamp, | E D JOHNSON, F PREVATT,* Jos Prevatt,* | 14 | 4 | 5 | 3 | .... | 3 | 7 | 100 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | Norman Martin, Daniel Phillips, R H Martin, | 21 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | 58 | 144 | 1 50 |
| Lumberton, | B Freeman, J Blount, H T Pope, | 5 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 49 | 2 35 |
| *COLUMBUS—* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | J Hinson, W J Norris, D Nealy, W J Henson, | 4 | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | 4 | .... | 132 | 2 |
| Cherry Grove, | Asa Strickland. J Sowles, S Strickland, | 21 | 3 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 3 | 42 | 1 50 |
| Cross Roads, | F Lennon, J M Lennon, J E Lennon, | 27 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | .... | .... | 158 | 3 |
| Macedonia, | W W Brown, L Williamson, J P Edmund, | 7 | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 55 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | A M Gore, John Todd, Needham White, | 12 | .... | 3 | .... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 108 | 2 |
| Mt Moriah, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt Tabor, | J H Mills, W J Sarvis, Alva Sowls, | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 63 | 1 50 |
| Mt Zion, | O Lennon, Wm Vause, J E Campbell, C Jones, | 3 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 5 | 32 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | N Stephens, G W HILL, J M M Gore, | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | .. | 6 | 28 | 143 | 3 |
| Porter Swamp, | D Coleman, D F Williamson, A F Powell, J W Yates, | 4 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 6 | 20 | 123 | 2 |
| Pleasant Hill, | W T Frink, D N GORE, D J RAY, | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 |
| Seven Creeks, | R F Marlow, J Long, E W Fowler, | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 3 | 33 | 1 |
| Mt Sinai, | E H Todd, Z BULLOCK, J B Harrelson, | .... | 4 | 1 | 1 | .... | 5 | 2 | 57 | 2 |
| White Marsh, | John Creech, Jos Ray, Levi Dew, | 11 | .... | .... | 3 | 1 | 13 | 62 | 124 | 1 50 |
| Western Prong, | HAYNES LENNON, J C Powell, R Wooten, R M McRacken, | 5 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 12 | 41 | 2 |

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| *BLADEN—* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | W A Melvin, L H Hall, N Jones, G F Melvin, | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 158 | 2 | 63 |
| Shady Grove, | B A Thompson, J H Thompson, Wm McElroy, | 11 | 3 | 2 | | | 5 | | 54 | 1 | 35 |
| Brier Branch, | G W Downing, E J Cain, J H Tatum, W K Register, | 4 | 3 | 12 | 25 | | 7 | | 122 | 1 | 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | R M SESSOM, E Johnson, A Edwards, J Butler, | 44 | | 4 | | 1 | 3 | 32 | 164 | 3 | |
| Shiloh, | J Monroe, E Martin,* E Ellis,* | 10 | 4 | 2 | 18 | | 3 | 52 | 135 | 2 | 50 |
| White Lake, | J G Sutton, H Wilkinson,* G W Thomas, | 7 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 75 | 1 | 55 |
| Paradise, | D H Callahan, J M Register, David Perry, | 2 | | | | | | | 14 | | 50 |
| White Oak, | J N McCall, W S Melvin, Jas Melvin, | 15 | 4 | | 1 | | | | 32 | 1 | |
| *BRUNSWICK—* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | Lewis Wescott, J L Wescott,* | | | | | 1 | | | 37 | 1 | 50 |
| Beaulah, | Henry Hickman, Daniel Stanaland, R A Marlow, | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | | | 39 | 1 | 60 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G W LENNON, James Jones, R P Lennon, | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 9 | 48 | 1 | |
| Mt Pisgah, | Not represented. (Number of members in 1858,) | | | | | | | 40 | 168 | | |
| Mill Creek, | Not represented. (Number of members in 1858,) | | | | | | | 10 | 54 | | |
| New Britain, | John Russ, N Milligan, | 2 | 5 | 1 | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 132 | 1 | 50 |
| Shallotte, | Bryant Ments, J Bennett, William Grissett, William Bessant, | 8 | | 2 | | | 3 | 11 | 62 | 1 | |
| Union, | D B AYRES, Joseph Stanaland, G M King, | 2 | | | | | 2 | | 26 | 1 | |
| Friendship, | D B McKeithan, Samuel Frink, W R Gause, P McCall, | | | | 4 | | 2 | | 45 | 1 | |
| Bryan's Chapel, | John Smith, J P Lennon, | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 22 | 1 | |
| *NEW HANOVER—* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street, | A PAUL REPITON, William Kinyon, J B T PATTERSON, | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | 22 | 26 | 163 | 3 | |
| *MARION D'T, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | NOEL BULLOCK, T W Ayres, T P Watson, | 6 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 28 | 199 | 3 | 38 |
| Piney Grove, | William Scott, Ervin Scott, | | | | | | | | 9 | 1 | |
| *HORRY D'T, S C—* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | Felix Powell, E Harrelson, S C Sarvis, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 17 | | 2 | 4 | 108 | 1 | 50 |
| Little River, | W J Gore, A W Bessant, | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 25 | 1 | |
| Macedonia, | Dissolved. | | | | | | | | | | |
| United Churches, | J B Edge,* William Thompson, W D DuBois, | | | | 2 | 3 | | 17 | 54 | 1 | |
| Spring Branch, | Levi Granger, C Worley, Alva Enzor, | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 133 | 3 | |
| Spring Field, | Wm Hughes, Wm E Gore, J J Ludlurn, | 5 | 6 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | 10 | 70 | 1 | |
| Salem, | Letter, | 4 | | | | | | | 12 | | 50 |
| Lebanon, | JESSE ROGERS, Martha R Martin, | 5 | 10 | | | | | | 25 | 1 | |
| | Grand Total, | | | | | | | | 4535 | | |

*Absent.

# Appendix.

## REPORT OF ELDER G. W. HILL.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Soon after my appointment by the Board, I began to supply some of the destitute Churches in my field of labor; and in the opening of the Spring, I commenced visiting all the Churches assigned me. Some of them I found in a very cold condition and destitute of pastors, which I endeavored to supply by holding conferences and assisting in the execution of discipline, and in procuring pastoral supplies where practicable. I have been kindly and warmly received by the brethren of the different Churches. My congregations have been as good as could reasonably be expected under the circumstances. Although my labors have not been attended with very flattering results, yet I have indications which lead me to believe they have not been in vain, and have reason to thank God and take courage.

I have travelled 113 days, including the allowance made for rest days. Baptized eleven persons while in the service of the Board.

I refer you to the following statement for the amount received from the churches:

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| Shallotte, | $2 75 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | 2 75 |
| Paradise, | 9 00 |
| Mt. Moriah, | 3 50 |
| Total, | $18 00 |

In conclusion, dear brethren, permit me to return my thanks for the confidence and esteem reposed by you on me as your Missionary.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your unworthy servant.

G. W. HILL.

## REPORT OF ELDER JESSE ROGERS.

*To the Domestic Mission Board in connection with the*
*Cape Fear Baptist Association:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Soon after our last Association, I engaged in the duties assigned me by the Board. My first efforts were to impress on the minds of the Churches the necessity of regular prayer meetings, and the importance of Sabbath Schools.

I had much opposition to meet and persecution to bear; and owing to the wet season, high waters and miry roads, I had much suffering to endure. But by the blessing of God, I was enabled to persevere until the 19th of February, when calling by home to see my little family, to my great sorrow and grief, I found my aged wife prostrated with something like congestive fever, and apparently near her end. I was compelled to stop. I watched long by her bedside with anxious and painful solicitude. At length, by the blessing of God, her disease gave way, so that on the 9th of April I again attended my appointments; and in view of having been so long from my congregations, I endeavored to preach twice a day as often as practicable, for four or five weeks, when I sank down myself, and had again to stop, at which time I had some appointments published, that I thought so important for them to be attended, that I employed Bro. Z. Bullock, to attend them for me. He travelled five days and preached five sermons, which resulted in some happy meetings—the further advancement of our blessed cause, and the baptism of two hopeful converts. As soon as I thought I could ride, I again attended my appointments, and by the blessing of God, have been enabled to persevere ever since. I have travelled, (including rest days) 288 days, preached 255 sermons, baptized 14 persons, constituted 3 churches, visited many families, and have had many interesting interviews with individuals. I have received from the churches $43,90, for which I have given them receipts.

And now, as regards the future prospects of my field of labor, some part of it is rather discouraging. Some of the churches do not attend well on week days; but in the lower and destitute part, it is truly encouraging. My meetings have been (generally) well attended, and often interesting; and although we have not received many members, yet in the midst of opposition, and persecution, the blessed cause of truth has marched forward with firm and intrepid steps, before which error is fast giving way.

In view of the above, I hope the Board will endeavor to keep some able, faithful, zealous, self-denying minister in the field: one who is calculated to endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, who will not expect to be carried to heaven "on flowery beds of ease, while others are fighting to win the prize, and sailing through bloody seas."

All of which is humbly and respectfully submitted, with the gratitude of your unworthy servant, for the confidence reposed in him, and the blessings that have attended his weak efforts.

And now, may the God of Missions bless his own precious cause, until "the desert rejoice and bloom as the rose," is the prayer of

JESSE ROGERS.

## REPORT OF ELDER J. H. COBB.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The first of December last I went to a stand in Bladen county, some six miles from Maysville, as your itenerant. I found some brethren, and a good congregation, who, by their unanimous vote said, "we want you to make this your place of preaching for the year." By the first of March a respectable house of worship was occupied for the first time. On the second of April, with the assistance of Brethren Wm. H. Howard, and James Cashwell, I constituted twenty-two members into a church, by the name of "Bladen *Union," fourteen males, eight females. Received by letter since, five, baptized one.

The good congregations that meet there, and the warm, interesting meetings that I had there last, are truly encouraging. I have labored there 23 days, received $11,91, and promised to serve them, as their supply next year.

This church is worthy of the prayers and sympathy of their brethren.

Respectfully,

J. H. COBB.

* This church is living and
working for the Master
Elder J K Bennett was their
pastor in 1877-

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education, respectfully submit the following:

As we contemplate "the field white already to harvest," the mournful question forces itself upon the mind, "the fathers, where are they?" Many of them have departed, and a voice from heaven replies, "they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." The pioneer preachers, though dead, yet live—they live in the noble superstructures based upon their earnest and self-denying efforts in the cause of Christ. Faithfully in their day and generation, they achieved a mighty work—their influence is still felt in the pulsations of the evangelical spirit which now pervades and animates the churches in America. These pioneers, adapted to their time and place, were useful men; what they lacked in mental acquisitions, they made up in zeal and spiritual power. We revere their memory.

Yet however great the work they accomplished, what they *might* have done, had they been educated men, we cannot conceive. Our fathers felt the need of education, and though most of them were unable to obtain it themselves, they were zealous and active in laying the foundation for schools and colleges, which might remedy, in the coming ministry, the disadvantages under which they labored. But however useful in their day, were those men living *now*, they could not hope to exert so wide an influence, and accomplish such results.

The present age demands an educated ministry. The preacher must always be in advance of his people, or his teachings and influence, not only fail to attract, but also to inspire confidence. Never was there an age in which science and art have achieved such victories; aud these victories are not shared by a *few*; by their influence the taste of the masses has been elevated and improved.

General learning is universally disseminated—men read and think, and he who essays to instruct them in holy things, must be educated.

*The prevalence of error* is another call for an educated ministry.—The immense immigration to this country of men, deeply dyed with German infidelity and Radicalism, is exerting a wide-spread and deleterious influence in many sections of our land. True, the evil influence of these men, is in some measure met, retarded, and oftentimes overcome by the steady, earnest pressure of christian truth. But, the great valley of the West deeply feels the baneful influence of this "baptized infidelity." And, then again, from New England, there are issuing the bitter streams of a corrupted christianity. The evils from this source are the more dangerous, because they come to us clothed as angels of light. Specious in their appearance, and adorned with the graces of rhetoric, they fascinate and captivate the popular mind.

The mysteries of Emerson becloud and bewilder thousands. The mad and impious ravings of Parker are consigning to eternal ruin, many souls. The old Pantheism of Spinozee, galvanized into life, and robed in the glittering garments of Universalism is also destroying its thousands. Spiritualism, with its mistaken, yet zealous votaries, is not without influence. This, indeed, seems to be the last times, when, as predicted by the Savior, false Christs should arise, and false prophets who should show great signs and wonders, insomuch, that if it were possible, they would deceive the very elect, (Mat. xxiv : 24). It is sometimes said, that these heresies are local, and confined to a small number. Such is not the fact : that period in their history is passed. It is not the ignorant and superstitious alone, who have embraced the debasing and sometimes revolting tenets of these systems. Educated and cultivated men are found among their advocates; and these disciples go everywhere promulgating the errors they have adopted. Many imbibe the sentiments, who are ignorant even of the names of the systems of which they form a part. These errors, centered in the idolatrous Athens of America, are continually sending forth their pernicious doctrines in almost every conceivable form. The popular lecturer declares them from the rostrum. The weekly paper and periodical, read at the fireside, contains their poison, hidden in the pleasing story and captivating romance. Popular, on account of their literary merit, the Atlantic Monthly, and some of our Reviews, with with their skilfully concealed skepticism, find their way into thousands of families, inculcating doubts, ridiculing the religion which saved our fathers. Even many of the handsomely embellished annuals, which grace the parlor table, are tinged with their subtle and corrupting doctrines.

*It is criminal to underrate* the influence or the wide prevalence of these and other heresies. They must be met, and their fallacies exposed, both in pulpit and pastoral ministrations. But to accomplish this, the church needs men, educated men, of strong intellectual powers, disciplined by study, men who shall be able to penetrate the lurking places of these errors, and drag them to the light.

An educated ministry then, is demanded by the age, to meet and satisfy the cultivated popular taste, to defend the faith once delivered to the saints, and to carry on an aggressive warfare with the hydra-headed monster of modern skepticism.

The christian public has felt this demand, and the call has been heeded. Numerous institutions are rising all over our land, where the coming ministry may receive an education adequate to the wants of the present age. The Baptists have not been remiss, but have nobly responded to the call. Among the many institutions of learning which are now the pride of our denomination, a new and noble school, adapted to meet this demand of the age, and of the South, has taken its place. Located at Greenville, S. C., the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is now in successful operation. Its corps of officers are men whose piety and talents are well and widely known to the denomination. The course of instruction pursued, comprehends all the branches necessary to a complete and thorough theological training.—This institution, and the Wake Forest College, eminently adapted as they are, to meet the disadvantages which our fathers experienced, (our State institutions fitting the student for a successful prosecution of his studies in the Theological Seminary,) we heartily commend to the prayers and patronage of this Association.

JOHN B. T. PATTERSON, }
A. R. PITMAM, } Com.
G. W. HILL. }

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION.

Your Committee to examine candidates for the Ministry, have had before them Bro. Matthew R. Martin, and have examined him on his christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of doctrine as recorded in God's word, and believed in by us as Baptists, and finding him sound in faith, and having received a promise from him, to study to show himself approved of God, &c., do recommend his ordination to the ministry of God's word.

A. PAUL REPITON, Ch'm.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whereas, we deplore the fact, that about 600 millions of heathen, and 200 millions of Papists, are without the Gospel, to say nothing of the thousonds of professed or practical infidels, and religionists in Europe and America, all rushing into the depths of woe. Be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That all the Pastors of the churches be requested to present and enforce the claims of the Board of Foreign Missions, upon the churches. And, that each church member be requested to send this body at least 50 cents each, for the express purpose of Foreign Mission uses, as this will give the servant, as well as the master, an opportunity to help the heathen out of their pit. Since God measured his love for us, by giving his Son as our ransom, and Abraham measured his love for his God by giving his son Isaac, we also should listen to Jesus, who says, "freely ye have received,freely give."

All of which is respectfully submitted by

J. F. B. MAYS, Chm'n.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report as follows:

That we are at a loss to know what to write, as there has been so many able reports made on the subject; but, would simply say, that it is through the press that we expect, to a great extent, to enlighten the world. And one of the best means to accomplish this end is, dissemination of a good religious newspaper, and in doing this we, as a denomination, should by all means, yea, it is our imperative duty, to patronize such Journals and Periodicals as are published by the denomination; for how are we to know what is doing in the religious world except we take and read such papers as will impart to us that knowledge? And not only can we be posted up in these matters, but how frequently are our hearts cheered by the glorious intelligence of hundreds and thousands being brought to a saving knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus. And besides this, there are many passages of Scripture explained by the best talent the denomination has throughout the whole country; to say nothing of the general news items at home and abroad.

It does seem to your Committee that there can be no excuse from any one, to live in ignorance now, for the prices of a great number of our periodicals are such, as to put it in the reach of every one to read some well-conducted paper; and we deem it almost criminal in any parent in these enlightened times, to rear a family without first giving them such an education as will enable them to read, and then give them such Periodicals as shall make them equal in point of intelligence wth their neighbors.

In view of the foregoing, we offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That as a Denominational paper, we *know* the "Biblical Recorder," (a paper published here in the "old North State" by a Southern Editor, and one in whom we have the utmost confidence,) to be well conducted in every point of view, and has peculiar claims on every Baptist, not only in the bounds of this Association, but every one in the State.

*Resolved*, That we cannot too highly appreciate the "Recorder," and most heartily and cordially recommend our brethren to give it their undivided support.

*Resolved*, That the "Tennessee Baptist," a paper published by Messrs. Graves, Marks & Co., Nashville, Tenn., we consider not only a well conducted journal in every other respect, but one that sets forth the distinctive principles of the denomination in the clearest light, and is also one of its most fearless defenders, and therefore recommend it to be highly worthy of our patronage.

*Resolved*, That the "Southern Baptist Review," published at the same house is well worthy of our consideration.

*Resolved*, That the "Home and Foreign Journal" should not be forgotten by us.

All which is respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

To Cedar Creek—Elders F. Prevatt, I. Stone, and brethren James Humphrey, John Monroe, and James Blount. To write the letter, James Humphrey.

To Union—Elders A. Paul Repiton, H. Lennon, J. B. T. Patterson. Brother F. Lennon to write the letter.

To the Pee Dee—Elder P. C. Connelly, and brethren Jacob Thompson, John B. Thompson, and Norman Martin. Elder Connelly to write the letter,

To Welsh Neck—Elder Jesse Rogers, Noel Bullock, and brethren

A. R. Pitman, Isham Pitman, and Joseph Thompson. To write the letter, Elder H. Lennon.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. BULLARD, Chm'n.

## REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

There are thousands in our State who cannot be reached by the ordinary system of preaching the gospel, because they will not come to hear it.

The Colportage system supplies this defect by the Colporters visiting from house to house, telling the people of the good news of salvation by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and leaving in their hands the word of God, or some other good book to point to the Saviour.

There is a great responsibility resting upon the churches in this matter—there are hundreds of neglected persons and families within the bounds of this Association, whose very condition says that "No man cares for my soul." They are starving for the bread of life, and no man gives unto them. This Association ought to have annually not less than three Colporters, which would not cost more than Seven Hundred Dollars, and if they would do their duty, they would do as much for Christ, as any four ministers within our bounds.

Your Committee would recommend that immediate measures be now adopted to secure the services of Colporters to labor within our bounds in connection with the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PUREFOY, Chm'n.

## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION, AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Antioch—Is in a healthy condition, has had but few accessions the past year, and has been under the necessity of executing discipline on some of her members. Has a Bible class. Elder H. Lennon is Supply.

Ashpole—Has enjoyed some delightful seasons, and a goodly number have been added by baptism, but mourn the loss of three of their number by death, among whom is the aged and much esteemed Bro. Elias Pitman. Elder William Ayres is Pastor. Have had the labors of Elder P. C. Connelly a portion of the year.

Back Swamp—As usual sends pleasing intelligence. A considerable number have been added by baptism. Elder P. B. Connelly is Pastor.

Bear Swamp—Is in peace and harmony. Brother Noel Bullock has been ordained to the ministry. Elder William Ayres is Supply.

Beaver Dam, (Bladen)—Nothing special. Is in peace and love.—Elder William Ayres is Supply.

Beaver Dam, (Columbus)—Communicates nothing very interesting. Has regular prayer meetings every Sabbath, and Sunday School during the warm season. Elder A. M. Noble is Pastor.

Big Branch—Has had some difficulties to contend with, and regrets that discipline had to be enforced on some of her members. Is now in in a prosperous and healthy condition. Has a Bible class; and has the word faithfully preached by Elder H. Lennon, the Supply.

Brier Branch—Has nothing interesting. Has dismissed a considerable number to join other churches. Elder William Ayres is Supply.

Bethel—Seems to be stationary. Elder D. B. Ayres is Supply.

Beulah—Complains of coldness and want of more zeal in the cause. Has sustained by death the loss of one of their Deacons, Brother Wm. Frink. Has a Sabbath Tchool. Elder D. B. Ayres is Pastor.

Bryan's Chapel—Is at peace among themselves. Elder G. W. Hill is Supply.

Cheerful Hope—Is at peace, with some symptoms for good. Has a Sabbath School. Elder G. W. Lennon is Pastor.

Cherry Grove—Has taken down her harps from the willows. A gracious revival has been experienced. Elder Zadoc Bullock is Supply.

Cross Roads—Has enjoyed a gracious revival. Has a Bible class and regular prayer meetings. Elder H Lennon is Supply.

Friendship—Peace and union abound. Elder D. B. Ayres is Supply.

Hickory Grove—Has again enjoyed quite a refreshing season. Elder Furney Prevatt is Supply.

Honey Camp—Is in peace. Elder Z. Bullock is Supply.

Iron Hill Cross Roads—Is rejoicing in a happy revival. Peace and good order now characterize the body. Elder David N. Gore is Pastor.

Lebanon—Was regularly constituted on the 28th of July last. Elder Jesse Rogers, Pastor.

Lumberton—Is steadily increasing, and is endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Has a Bible class and Sabbath School. Elder H. Lennon is Supply.

Little River—Complains of coldness, and asks for the prayers of God's people that his work may be revived among them. Elder D. B. Ayres is Supply.

Macedonia (Columbus)—Is in peace. Elder Z. Bullock is supply.

Macedonia, (S. C.)—Has become extinct.

Mill Creek—(Not represented.)

Mount Eliam—Brings again the happy intelligence of a gracious outpouring of the Spirit. Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

Mount Pisgah—No representation.

Mt. Sinai—Is rejoicing in the blessedness of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Elder D. J. Ray is Supply.

Mt. Tabor—Rejoices that they are in peace one with another. No Pastor nor Supply.

Mt. Zion—Complains of not being regularly supplied with preaching. Has neither Pastor or Supply, but is in peace among themselves.

New Britain—Peace and harmony abound. Has a Sabbath School. Elder Joel Bennett is Pastor.

Orange Street—Has been under the painful necessity of executing extreme discipline on several of her members. Elder J. B. T. Patterson is now Pastor.

Paradise—Constituted on the 23d day of Nov., 1859, with 12 members. Elder D. J. Ray is Supply.

Piney Grove, (S. C.,)—Constituted on the 20th day of August, 1859, with 9 members. There seems to be no Pastor nor Supply.

Pleasant Grove—Has again been visited with copious outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and considerable accessions to her members. Elder E. D. Johnson is Supply.

Pleasant Hill—Complains of coldness. Craves an interest in the prayers of the Association. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

Pleasant Plains—Has had few cases of discipline, and is free from difficulties. Elder D. J. Ray is Supply.

Porter Swamp—Nothing of special interest. Elder G. W. Hill is Supply.

Raft Swamp—Exhibits quite a pleasing state of things. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor.

Saddle Tree—Communicates nothing of special interest. Elder F. Prevatt has been the supply the past year.

Salem—Complains of coldness, and much opposion to contend with. Has neither Pastor or Supply.

Shady Grove—Has been blessed with considerable preaching and some accessions to their numbers. Elder Isham Stone is supply.

Shallotte—Makes satisfactory acknowledgements to the Association, and is restored back to its fellowship. Complains of coldness, but is looking forward to a better time. Has no Pastor.

Shiloh—Has gradually increased. Elder Wm. B. Bullard has been the Supply the past year.

Seven Creeks—No material change. Destitute of a Pastor. Has a Sabbath School.

Spring Branch—Has large and attentive congregations on Sabbath. Elder F. Prevatt has been Supply the past year.

Springfield—Gives the happy intelligence of her improved condition. Elder Wm. Ayres is Supply.

Union—Speaks of some awakening among the colored part of the congregation. Elder D. B. Ayres is Pastor.

United Church—Has nothing special. Has some difficulties to contend with. Craves an interest in the prayers of the Association.—Without Pastor or Supply.

White Lake—Are at peace among themselves. Has good congregations. Elder P. Prevatt is supply.

Western Prong.—Nothing important. Elder G. W. Hill, is Supply.

White Marsh.—Nothing special. Elder D. N. Gore is Supply.

White Oak,—Constituted on the 28th day of July last. Has had some accessions. Elder Wm. B. Bullard is supply.

Mount Moriah—Not represented.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF CAPE FEAR ASSOCIAATION.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, TREASURER.

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| Oct. 1859. | To amount sent by the churches for Minute Fund, | $90 00 |

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| 1859. | Paid for Printing these Minutes, | $60 00 |
| " | " Clerk for his services, | 40 00 |
| | Due Clerk, | $10 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

B. FREEMAN, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD IN CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, TREASURER.

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| 1859. | To amount remaining in hands of Treasurer | $ 27 28 |
| | " " Contributed by churches and individuals, | 496 14 |
| | To amonnt of Sabbath Collection, | 68 35 |
| | | $591 77 |

CONTRA.

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| Oct. 1859. | Amount paid Elder Jesse Rogers, | $351 20 | |
| " | " " " G. W. Hill, | 60 80 | |
| " | " " " J. H. Cobb, | 34 50 | |
| " | " " " H. Lennon, | 15 00 | |
| | | | $561 50 |
| | Bal. in the hands of the Treasurer. | | $30 27 |

Respectfully submitted,

B. FREEMAN, Treasurer.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES, | POST OFFICES. | |
|---|---|---|
| Ayres, William, | Floydsville, Marion District, | S. C. |
| Ayres, D. B. | Little River, Horry District, | “ |
| Bennett, Joel | Beach's P. O., Columbus county, | N. C. |
| Bullard, W. B. | Leesville, Robeson county, | “ |
| Bullock, Z. | Fair Bluff, Columbus county, | “ |
| Bullock, Noel, | Floydsville, Marion District, | S. C. |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond county, | N. C. |
| Dusenbury, Samuel, | Bucksville, Horry District, | S. C. |
| Hill, G. W. | Pleasant Plains, Columbus county, | “ |
| Gore, D. N. | Whiteville, “ “ | “ |
| Harrelson, John | “ “ “ | “ |
| Johnson, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson county, | “ |
| Lennon, G. W. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick co., | “ |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus county, | “ |
| Noble, A. M. | Fair Bluff, “ “ | “ |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, Robeson “ | “ |
| Patterson, J. B. F. | Wilmington, New Hanover “ | “ |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus “ | “ |
| Repiton, A. Paul, | Wilmington, New Hanover “ | “ |
| Rogers, Jesse | Blanton's ⋈ Roads, Horry District, | S.C. |
| Stone, Isham | Lumberton, Robeson county, | N. C. |
| Sessom, R. M. | Bryan Swamp, Bladen “ | “ |

## LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES, | FOST OFFICES. | |
|---|---|---|
| Lennon, J. B. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick co., | N. C. |
| Martin, Norman | Leesville, Robeson “ | “ |
| Martin, M. R. | Blanton's ⋈ Roads, Horry Dist., | S. C. |
| Pitman, A. R. | Leesville, Robeson county, | N. C. |
| Phillips, Daniel | “ “ “ | “ |
| Smith, Ezekiel | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick “ | “ |

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# MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Porter Swamp, Columbus Co., N. C.,

**October 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1860.**

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# Minutes.

SATURDAY, October 27th, 1860.

The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder G. W. Hill from Isaiah 60 : 1—"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

After an intermission of fifteen minutes the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The names of the churches were called, and there being a majority present, the Moderator read appropriate portions of Scripture, and after singing a hymn, the Divine direction was invoked by Elder H. McAlpin.

Brethren G. W. Hill, A. F. Powell and Ewen Johnson were appointed a committee of Finance.

On motion, the church letters were called for and read.

It was agreed to have two Assistant Clerks. Brethren A. R. Pitman and David Cashwell were appointed.

It being made known that matters of a disorderly character, contrary to the laws of this State, existed on the ground, a committee of Vigilance, consisting of brethren J. G. Powell, G. Williams, J. W. Gore, Rowland Mercer, Allen Walters and E. D. Meares, were appointed.

After the reading of letters, and recording the names of delegates, proceeded to the election of officers, when Elder Haynes Lennon was elected Moderator by acclamation, B. Freeman Clerk and Treasurer, Brethren A. R. Pitman and D. Cashwell Assistant Clerks.

An invitation was then extended to corresponding Associations, when Elder Hugh McAlpin, and Bro. — Brown presented themselves from the Union Association, and were cordially received. A package of Minutes from the Peedee Association were handed in by brother Jacob Thompson. Elder J. J. James from the Raleigh Association presented himself, and the right hand of fellowship extended to him.

Newly constituted churches were then called for, when Piney Grove, of All Saints Parish, S. C., presented herself with letter and delegate. The reception of this church was deferred until Monday.

Brethren J. G. Powell, B. Freeman, B. Williams, John Monroe and E. Johnson were appointed a committee to supply the stage during the session of the Association.

Agreed to raise committees to write on the various subjects generally discussed in this body, when the following were announced, to wit:

On the examination of ministers to ordination—Elders A Paul Repiton, J. J. James and G. W. Hill.

Committee of Arrangements—B. Freeman, A. R. Pittman, and D. Cashwell.

Ministerial Education—Elders J. J. James and H. McAlpin, and brother A. F. Powell.

Baptist State Convention—Brethren R. M. McRackan, J. C. Powell, and Elder D. N. Gore.

Colportage—Elders G. W. Hill, P. C. Connelly, and F. Prevatt.

Periodicals—Elders A. Paul Repiton, R. M. Sessom, and brother D. F. Williamson.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That half an hour of each day after to-morrow be devoted to religious exercises.

Adjourned until 9 1-2 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Elder D. B. Ayres.

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SABBATH, October 28, 1860.

Agreeable to previous appointment, Elder A. Paul Repiton delivered a discourse on "Baptism," from Matthew 28: 19, 20—"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Elder H. Lennon then preached the Missionary sermon, from the 74th chapter of Psalms, and part of the 22d verse—"Arise, O God, plead thy own cause." After this sermon a collection was taken up in aid of Home Missions amounting to $32 95.

After an intermission of 25 minutes, the congregation reassembled, and were addressed by Elder H. McAlpin from the 6th chapter of Romans, and 23d verse: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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MONDAY, Oct. 29th, 9 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment, and in accordance with the order of Saturday, one half hour was devoted to religious exercises, in which the Moderator, Elders Connelly and Repiton participated.

The Association now being in readiness for business, Elder A. Paul Repiton introduced to the body Elder T. E. Skinner, from the Raleigh Association.

Called for the letter and delegate from Piney Grove.

On motion, the letter was received and the delegate, brother M. A. Hinds, received the right hand of fellowship, and the church recognized as a member of this body.

Committee of Arrangements reported. Report received, with an amendment to the effect that Elder T. E. Skinner have an opportunity to make known to this body the object of his mission.

A matter of grievance by the Union church against the Beulah church was laid before this body, and after some discussion, it was agreed to raise and send a committee whose duty it shall be to visit those churches with a view to a proper adjustment and reconciliation of the matter now so unhappily existing between them, when the following were announced as that committee, to wit: Elders A. Paul Repiton, G. W. Lennon, G. W. Hill, W. B. Bullard, P. C. Connelly, D. J. Ray and F. Prevatt, a majority of whom are empowered to act and report to the next session of this body.

On motion, W. J. Stanly was recognized as a delegate from the church at Little River.

Elder F. Prevatt, and brethren John Monroe and Norman Martin, were appointed a committee to select Messengers to Corresponding Associations.

The next session of this body to be held with the church at Antioch, Robeson county, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1861. Services to commence at 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

Elder Forney Prevatt to preach the Introductory sermon. E. D. Johnson, Alternate.

Elder A. Paul Repiton to preach a sermon on the Evidences of Christianity on Sabbath at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Elder P. C. Connelly to preach a Missionary sermon at 12 o'clock.

The Association then gave way to the remarks of Elder T. E. Skinner, on the subject of the "Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary." After the remarks of Elder S., the following persons took stock in said institution, to wit:

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|---|---|
| Elder Haynes Lennon, | $100 |
| Brother A. F. Powell, | 100 |
| " J. W. Gore, | 100 |

Agreed to have 2,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

Gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board. Elder G. W. Hill, A. F. Powell and E. Johnson, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The churches were then called in order, and the following sums respectively paid in, to wit:

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| Ashpole, | $10 75 |
| Antioch, | 15 45 |
| Big Branch, | 12 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | 10 60 |
| Back Swamp, | 7 50 |
| Raft Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 8 00 |
| Lumberton, | 14 85 |
| Cherry Grove, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 10 50 |
| Macedonia, | 5 00 |
| Iron Hill Cross Roads, | 10 00 |
| Mount Zion, | 20 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 5 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 12 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 14 00 |
| Piney Grove (Marion), | 10.00 |
| Honey Camp, | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| Spring Field, | 5 75 |
| Seven Creeks, | 5 25 |
| White Marsh, | 5 00 |
| Western Prong, | 11 50 |
| Beaver Dam, | 12 45 |
| Brier Branch, | 5 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 10 00 |
| White Lake, | 5 00 |
| Paradise, | 5 00 |
| White Oak, | 4 50 |
| Bethel, | 4 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 10 00 |
| New Britain, | 5 00 |
| Union, | 5 00 |
| Friendship, | 5 00 |
| Orange Street, | 15 00 |
| Bear Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Lebanon, | 10 00 |
| Piney Gr've (All Saints), | 5 00 |
| Wm. L. DuBois, | 1 00 |
| Chesnut Todd, | 1 00 |
| Total, | $331 10 |

In addition to the foregoing, Elder Connelly accounted to the Board for the sum of $36. (See his report.)

Went into the election of officers. Elder H. Lennon was unanimously elected President, and B. Freeman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Called on the Missionaries to report.

Elder P. C. Connelly made his report. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes. (See Appendix.)

Agreed to raise a committee to procure the services of a Missionary the ensuing year. The following brethren were announced said committee, to wit: R. M. McRackan, A. F. Powell, J. Monroe, Ewen Johnson and R. Mercer; and, on motion, the Moderator was added to the committee.

Adjourned until to-morrow at such time as the Association may give way for the meeting of the Board.

The Association then came immediately into session.

Called for the report on the Baptist State Convention.

This report drew out some discussion, when the following resolution was was passed, and the report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes. (See Appendix.)

*Resolved*, That the Moderator of this Association be requested to correspond with the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College, and ascertain whether or not the four hundred and fifty dollars ($450) paid into that Board by us, has not, with the interest which has accrued thereon, amounted to a sum sufficient to entitle us to a scholarship in that Institution, and report to this body the result of said correspondence.

Called for the report on Ministerial Education. Report received and its appendage ordered. (See Appendix.)

Adjourned until 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder T. E. Skinner.

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TUESDAY, Oct. 30th, 9 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

The morning exercises were conducted by the Moderator, and participated in by Elders Johnson and Hill.

Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received and made the order of the day.

Called on the Committee on Colportage to report. Report received, and after some very instructive, and, as we trust, beneficial remarks from Elder Skinner, and other brethren, was ordered to be appended to these Minutes. (See Appendix.)

Elder H. Lennon made a verbal report of the Colportage Committee for the past year, from which it appeared that a debt had been incurred for books. A call was made to raise funds to relieve the Committee of the indebtedness, when the following churches, by their delegates, and also individuals on their own account, came forward and subscribed the respective amounts thereunto annexed, which is pledged to be paid by the first day of January, 1861:

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| Ashepole, | pledged | by | A. R. Pitman, | | $5 00 |
| Antioch, | " | " | R. Mercer, | | 5 00 |
| Big Branch, | " | " | B. Williams, | | 5 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, | " | " | Isham Stone, | | 2 00 |
| | | | P. C. Connelly, | (paid) | 5 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | " | " | F. Prevatt, | | 5 00 |
| | | | Norman Martin, | (paid) | 5 00 |
| Lumberton, | " | " | B. Freeman, | | 10 00 |
| Cross Roads, | " | " | M. Powell, | | 5 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | " | " | A. F. Powell, | | 10 00 |
| | | | J. W. Gore, | (paid) | 3 00 |
| | | | R. D. Best, | (paid) | 2 00 |
| Western Prong, | " | " | Brethren present, | | 20 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | " | " | E. Johnson, | | 10 00 |
| Shiloh, | " | " | John Monroe, | | 5 00 |
| | | | W. S. Melvin, | | 1 00 |
| | | | T. W. Swain, | (paid) | 5 00 |
| | | | G. W. Lennon, | (paid) | 5 00 |
| | | | A. Paul Repiton, | | 10 00 |
| Spring Branch, | pledged by | | Henry Enzor, | | 10 00 |
| | | | M. A. Hinds, | (paid) | 1 00 |
| | | | T. W. Ayres, | (paid) | 1 00 |
| | | | Alva Sellers, | | 1 00 |
| | | | G. W. Hill, | | 1 00 |
| | | | Noel Bullock, | (paid) | 1 00 |
| | | | Eld T. E. Skinner, | (paid) | 1 00 |
| | | | " H. Lennon, | (paid) | 10 00 |
| | | | B. S. Jones, | | 1 00 |
| | | | R. M. McRackan, | | 25 00 |
| | | | Elder W. B. Bullard, | | 3 00 |
| | | | A. R. Pitman, | | 1 00 |
| | | | Ewen Johnson, | (paid) | 5 00 |
| Total, | | | | | $179 00 |

Appointed an Executive Committee, consisting of Elder H. Lennon, R. M. McRackan, T. A. Norment, R. Wooten, A. F. Powell, Elder R. M. Sessom, and F. Lennon.

Took up the subject of the Associational High School, and after a full and free discussion of the matter, it was indefinitely postponed.

The resolution of last year relative to brother McRackan's school, with a slight omission, was then adopted as the action of this body, and ordered to be embodied in these Minutes, which reads as follows:

*Resolved*, That as brother Robert M. McRackan, has now a school that is conducted by himself, and as we know him to be well qualified to prepare young men for usefulness in any department of business, or if need be, for a collegiate course, we consider his school well worthy the patronage of the denomination; therefore, agreed unanimously, that we patronize said school.

A letter of dismission was granted to the church at White Lake, to join the Cedar Creek Association.

The Committee of Finance reports $85 sent up by the churches for the Minute fund.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention at Goldsboro', to convene on to-morrow, to wit: R. M. McRackan, G. W. Hill, A. F. Powell, W. J. Stanly, A. Paul Repiton, Calvin Jones, and R. Wooten.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Report received, and its appendage ordered. (See Minutes.)

Called on the committee appointed at last session to visit Big Branch church to report, and there being no report regularly prepared, called on the Moderator (who supplies that church) for an explanation of the matter, which was satisfactory to the body, it was agreed unanimously that the matter be dismissed.

Ordered, that the Clerk collect the Minutes that have not heretofore been bound, and have them bound in book form by the next session of this body.

The Clerk is allowed $40 for his services.

Elder H. Lennon offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, In our opinion Sabbath Schools are efficient instrumentalities in furthering the cause of God, and building up our churches, and whereas, we feel sensibly that there does not exist that deep interest among our churches and brethren which there should in reference to this subject; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend to pastors and members, to use every laudable effort to organize a Sabbath School in every church and neighborhood, and work diligently in this department of God's vineyard.

*Resolved*, Also, that we believe it to be the duty of the Sabbath School to provide themselves with a pure literature for their Libraries, and we therefore recommend that they purchase their books of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union, and circulate generally the Sabbath School paper issued thereby.

The Committee to nominate Messengers to Corresponding Associations, reported as follows:

Cedar Creek—Wm. S. Melvin, David B. Melvin, Elder E. D. Johnson, and William Melvin; B. Freeman to write the letter of correspondence.

To Union—Elders A. Paul Repiton, H. Lennon, G. W. Hill; H. Lennon to write the letter.

To Pee Dee—Elder P. C. Connelly, J. B. Thompson, and James Humphrey; P. C. Connelly to write the letter.

To Welsh Neck—Daniel Phillips and A. R. Pitman; bro. A. R. Pitman to write the letter.

Ordered, that the Committee of Finance pay over the amount sent up by the churches for the Minute fund.

Gave way for the Domestic Mission Board.

Elder D. N. Gore was called on to report. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

Report of Committee to select Missionaries for the coming year report as follows:

The committee to whom was referred this subject, beg leave to say, that they have performed that duty; and say that brother D. N. Gore is the only one that can be obtained, and he only after the opening of spring.

ROB'T M. McRACKAN.

Appointed an Executive Committee as follows: Elder H. Lennon, F. Lennon, B. Freeman, A. R. Pitman, Wm. T. Frink, R. M. McRackan and A. F. Powell.

Committee of Finance reported. Report received.

Ordered by the Board, that the amount received for that purpose be paid to the Treasurer, and that he pay the same to those entitled to receive the same.

The Board then adjourned.

The Association then resumed business.

The letter of correspondence to the Cedar Creek Association was read and adopted.

The officers of this body are constituted an Executive Committee, who are to arrange all unfinished business.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

After singing our usual parting hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, the session was formally adjourned to time and place specified.

HAYNES LENNON, Mod'r.

B. Freeman, *Clerk*.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Blacks. | Total. | Association Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *ROBESON.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, ............ | A. R. Pitman, Jacob Leggett, G. P. Floyd, .................... | 5 | .... | .... | 5 | 8 | 2 | 111 | 271 | $ 3 00 |
| Antioch, ............ | Rowland Mercer, Jesse Phillips, H. J. Lee, .................... | .... | 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 163 | 2 75 |
| Big Branch, ........... | W. B. BULLARD, B. Williams, G. Williams, .................... | .... | 2 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 145 | 3 00 |
| Mt. Eliam, ........... | ISHAM STONE, E. Phillips, E. R. Phillips, ................. . | 12 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 8 | .... | 2 | 96 | 1 50 |
| Back Swamp, ......... | P. C. CONNELLY, James Humphrey,* Jacob Thompson, ........ | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 42 | 145 | 2 50 |
| Raft Swamp, ...... ... | F. PREVATT, C. Staten, E. D. JOHNSON, .................... | 3 | .... | 2 | 2 | 6 | .... | 5 | 97 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, ....... | N. Martin, R. S. Moore, D. Phillips, ........................ | 18 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 58 | 153 | 2 00 |
| Lumberton, ........... | Benjamin Freeman, A. L. Rozier, .......................... | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | 48 | 3 00 |
| *COLUMBUS.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, ......... | Ephraim Cartright, Alva Sellers, Samuel Tedder, ............... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 136 | 1 50 |
| Cherry Grove, ........ | Joshua Sowls, Bythal Bufkin,* I. Strickland, ................. | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 3 | 41 | 1 50 |
| Cross Roads, ......... | Marmaduke Powell, J. E. Lennon, J. M. Lennon, ......... ...... | 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 | .... | 3 | 40 | 157 | 3 25 |
| Macedonia, ........... | Daniel Shaw, James Shepherd,* J. P. Walters, .................. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 13 | 63 | 1 50 |
| Iron Hill Cross Roads, | A. M. Gore,* J. H. Stanly, John Todd,* ...................... | 2 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 93 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Moriah, .......... | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Tabor, ........... | Enoch Fowler,* Eli Watts, E L. Coleman,* ..................... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 62 | 75 |
| Mt. Zion, ............. | Orran Lennon, Thomas Barefoot, Calvin Jones, ................ | 3 | 2 | 2 | .... | 5 | .... | .... | 34 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, ...... | G. W. HILL, N. Stephens, C. C. Gore,* ....................... | 16 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 33 | 150 | 3 00 |
| Porter Swamp, ....... | D. F. Williamson, A. F. Powell, J. G. Powell, ................. | .... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | .... | .... | 119 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, ........ | William T. Frink, J. W. Gore, R. D. Best, ............. .. .... | 13 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | .... | 8 | 29 | 2 50 |
| Seven Creeks, ........ | James Long, Jonathan Gore, Isaac Long,* ..................... | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | 6 | 52 | 50 |
| Mt. Sinai, .... ....... | E. H. Todd, Solomon Harrelson, A. Hinson, .................... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | .... | 2 | 53 | 2 00 |
| White Marsh, ........ | B. S. Jones, Simon Sasser,* John Dew,* ...................... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 65 | 119 | 1 50 |
| Western Prong, ...... | J. C. Powell, R. M. McRackan, H. LENNON, .................... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 8 | 37 | 2 00 |
| *BLADEN.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, ......... | P. P. Rollins,* D. B. Melvin, G. F. Melvin, ..................... | 18 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 194 | 3 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shady Grove, | J. I. Thompson, J. H. Thompson, Edward Russ, | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | 52 | 1 50 |
| Brier Branch, | W. T. Jessop,* William Suggs, T. Davis, | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 120 | 2 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | Ewen Johnson, R. M. SESSOM, John Butler, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | 161 | 3 50 |
| Shiloh, | John Monroe, Evan Ellis,* Ed. Martin,* | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 5 | | 50 | 127 | 2 50 |
| White Lake, | G. W. Cashwell, J. G. Sutton,* M. Peterson,* | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 8 | 71 | 2 00 |
| Paradise, | G. H. Callahan, J. M. Register, | 3 | 5 | | | 1 | | | 21 | 1 00 |
| White Oak, | W. S. Melvin, James Melvin,* J. P. Hall,* | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | | | 37 | 1 50 |
| *BRUNSWICK.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | Thomas Swain, James Holden, | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 37 | 1 00 |
| Beulah, | Not represented. (Number in 1859,) | | | | | | | | 39 | |
| Cheerful Hope, | G. W. LENNON, James Jones, C. Little, | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 9 | 47 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | John Harrelson,* N. R. Sellers, P. T. Stanaland,* | 11 | 10 | 8 | | 27 | 3 | 43 | 165 | 1 50 |
| Mill Creek, | Not represented. (Number in 1858,) | | | | | | | 10 | 54 | |
| New Britain, | John Russ,* J. A. G. Inman,* S. Milligan* | 5 | 2 | | | 6 | | 2 | 131 | 1 00 |
| Shallotte, | Not represented. (Number in 1859,) | | | | | | | 11 | 62 | |
| Union, | D. B. AYRES, R. Woodsides, Jos. Stanaland,* | | | | | | | 8 | 22 | 1 00 |
| Friendship, | Isaac Jenrit, J. W. Gause,* P. S. McCall, | | | 1 | | 3 | | | 43 | 1 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | Not represented. (Number in 1859,) | | | | | | | | 22 | |
| *NEW HANOVER.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street, | A PAUL REPITON, D. Cashwell, Sam'l Holden,* | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 25 | 2 | 23 | 146 | 3 00 |
| *MARION D'T, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | NOEL BULLOCK, T. P. Watson, T. W. Ayres, | 38 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 23 | 231 | 3 00 |
| Piney Grove, | L. W. Hays, R. H. Rogers, | 59 | 10 | | | | | | 86 | 2 00 |
| *HORRY D'T, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | D. J. Blanton, S. T. Harrelson, Josiah Hodges, | 23 | | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 122 | 1 50 |
| Little River, | W. J. Stanly. (Number in 1859,) | | | | | | | 2 | 25 | |
| United Churches, | Chesnut Todd, J. B. Edge,* William Thompson,* | | | | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 46 | 1 00 |
| Spring Branch, | Henry Enzor, C. Worley, Levi Granger, | 15 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 17 | 145 | 3 00 |
| Spring Field, | J. C. Stanaland,* Levi Jerrold,* William Hughes, | 10 | 1 | 11 | | 1 | | 12 | 81 | 1 25 |
| Salem, | Not represented. (Number in 1859,) | | | | | | | | 12 | |
| Lebanon, | C. W. Suggs, Reuben Rogers,* | 9 | 4 | | 5 | | | | 37 | 1 00 |
| *ALL SAINTS, S. C.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Piney Grove, | M. A. Hinds, | | | | | | | | 7 | 50 |
| | Total, | 320 | 87 | 63 | 90 | 163 | 44 | 656 | 4646 | $85 00 |

*Absent.

N. B.—As there are a number of the churches that do not give the number of blacks separately, the total of blacks in the above table may be considered as falling considerably below the real number of that membership.

# Appendix.

## REPORT OF ELDER P. C. CONNELLY.

To the Domestic Mission Board in connection with the
Cape Fear Baptist Association.

*Dear Brethren:*—In the month of January, I commenced the arduous duties assigned me by the Board. I found the churches in the most deplorably cold state. To all human appearance, there was scarcely one ray of light and warmth from the Sun of Righteousness to animate their frozen feeling. I was badly and fearfully discouraged. We could do nothing but earnestly, ardently, and constantly persevere in supplicating divine assistance. But thank God, after so long a time in mercy for our help he appeared.

I have witnessed the heart-rending groan and the heavy sigh of the prostrate mourner, and heard the sound of sweet praise from the heart, uttered by sovereign grace. These copious showers of grace, have been " like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments, as the dew of heaven, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for ever more."

Among those who have joined the church, it has been my privilege to baptize twenty.

I report, including days allowed for rest and travelling days, one hundred and eighty-two (182).

Received from Mount Pisgah $4 45, Shiloh $10, Col. Eli Wishart $1 00, Shady Grove 10, White Oak $5 55, Pleasant Plains $5 50. Total $36 00.

Travelling expenses nothing.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. C. CONNELLY.

## REPORT ON THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The object of the Baptist State Convention is to promote the honor of Christ's kingdom by the dissemination of his gospel. The Convention is a Missionary Society, the creature of the churches, and has no life except what the churches may impart to it.

As the various Associations of our State cannot meet the necessities of many destitute sections, the home work of our Convention is to send the gospel thence through the means which the churches send up.

But another very important object by the founders of the Convention, is that the Baptists of North Carolina may be united in their aims and purposes. *In union there is strength.* Without co-operation, we cannot successfully meet those who oppose the doctrines of the New Testament. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend the adoption of the Board of the Convention, and that the Clerk of this Association be requested to furnish the churches with blanks which may be had of Elder B. F. Marable, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of the Convention.

ROBT. M. McRACKAN.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education, report that the demand of the age, as well as the importance of the work in which they are engaged, demand that the ministry should be educated, not with that superficial education that is so prevalent in the present day, but with that solid and careful training of mind and thought that will prepare them to give close application to the study of God's word, and enable them to preach effectually and intelligibly that word, and to this end we would recommend Wake Forest College to all aspirants to the ministry who may be able to avail themselves of its advantages; and to those who wish a more thorough course of Ministerial Education, we would recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Greenville, S. C.

Respectfully submitted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Colportage, report as follows:

As it regards the circulation of good books, more especially denominational works, there is no doubt of its propriety.

But the question arises, in what way can we the most economically and most extensively circulate such works?

It is evident that the various societies among us professedly religious, such as Presbyterians, Methodists, &c., are doing all they can to put their denominational works into the hands of every body. And there is no doubt that much of their success in propagating error, is to be attributed to that source.

In view of facts of this kind, in order to accomplish much good and counteract error, we recommend that a judicious, pious and efficient brother be appointed to itinerate through the entire bounds of our Association. And we recommend farther, that every delegate now in attendance, use their influence in recommending such brother to the kind consideration of all the members of our churches, and others with whom they may meet. And again, we suggest the propriety of our churches sending up help to sustain our Colporteur.

## REPORT OF ELDER D. N. GORE.

Dear Brethren:—According to agreement, I commenced my labors as an Itinerant in the southern portion of our Association, about the sixteenth day of August last, and have since that time up to the present devoted all my time to the service of the Board, with the exception of my Saturdays and Sabbaths, which have been taken up in supplying churches.

I feel, dear brethren, that I have great reason for being abundantly thankful to our blessed Lord for the apparent success of his preached gospel, notwithstanding the coldness and great denominational opposition that seemed to abound in many instances, in so much that at first I almost desired to have been exonerated from the duties before me, yet hardly did one single instance occur in which the word preached did not have its desired effect upon the hearts of the hearers.

I have travelled for the Board fifty-six days, preached ninety-three sermons, received sixty-five persons, and baptized forty-six. My travelling expenses have been but $1 80.

And now in conclusion, dear brethren, permit me to tender my sincere thanks to the Board for the confidence reposed in me, and to all the kind brethren with whom I have worshipped. May the blessings of heaven rest on us all, and may the softening dews of heavenly grace new life to all impart, is the prayer of your servant. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. GORE.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINATIONS.

Your committee to examine candidates for ordination, have had before them brothers Alfred R. Pitman, and Norman Martin, and after an examination of them on christian experience, and call to the ministry, together with their views of the doctrines of the Bible, have concluded to recommend the ordination of Bro. Pitman; while, for prudential motives, we would suggest that Bro. Martin continue, as heretofore, to exercise his gifts as a licentiate.

Respectfully submitted,
A. PAUL REPITON, }
T. E. SKINNER, } Com.
J. J. JAMES, }

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## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The increased production of periodical literature seems to be in advance of the demand. While it is a fixed fact that this is one of the most efficient means of disseminating knowledge among the masses, and this kind of information is most generally accessible, yet it is all-important that we see to the character of those papers we place before our families, and for the perusal of others. If we believe that we, as a denomination, have the truth as it was delivered to inspired writers, we should see that that truth is set forth in the most forcible and commanding manner possible. To do this, we ought to have competent Editors and ample sheets; and then give a liberal support and support to such Editors and periodicals. While your committee would encourage our membership to take as many papers as they can well afford, and read and digest profitably yet we would suggest that said patronage should be given *first* to Baptist literature, and chiefly to our own denominational and State organ. And in this connexion, we would suggest that the members of our churches *ought*, in justice to themselves and their families, more generally than they do, to subscribe for the "Biblical Recorder," published in Raleigh at $2 per year in advance. Next to our State paper, we would call attention to the "Tennessee Baptist," published in Nashville, Tenn., at the same price.

If we desire more extensive information on the subject of *Missions*, we should take the "Home and Foreign Journal" and "Commission" published in Richmond, Va., one at 25 cents, the other at $1 a year in advance. Another periodical of interest we would call attention to is, the "Southern Baptist Review" also published in Nashville, Tenn., at $2 a year in advance.

Respectfully snbmitted,
A. PAUL REPITON, Chairman.

# A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION, AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Antioch—Nothing very interesting, are at peace among themselves, have a Bible class and regular monthly preaching. Elder H. Lennon is Supply.

Ashpole—Has been under the necessity of enforcing discipline in the exclusion of several of their number, had several added by baptism, and are looking forward to a more prosperous time. Elder William Ayres is Pastor.

Back Swamp—Is in peace and harmony, but have had to exercise discipline on some, have regular monthly preaching attended by large and attentive congregations on Sabbath. Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor.

Beaver Dam, (Columbus)—Peace and union abounds. Elder Z. Bullock is Supply.

Beaver Dam, (Bladen)—In peace with each other, complains of a long wintry season, but are looking forward to a brighter day. Have to mourn the loss by death of several of their useful and efficient members. Elder H. McAlpin is Supply.

Bear Swamp—Is rejoicing in the return of many to the fold of the blessed Redeemer. Are at peace, and have the labors of Elders Wm. Ayres and Noel Bullock.

Bethel—Complains of coldness, and asks the prayers of the Association for a revival. Laments the death of one of the deacons. Elder D. B. Ayres is Supply.

Big Branch—Has nothing cheering, is in rather a cold state, but is looking forward to better times, has a Bible class. Elder H. Lennon is Supply.

Brier Branch—Has had difficulties to contend with. Eld. James Cashwell is Supply.

Cheerful Hope—Nothing special. Elder G. W. Lennon is Pastor.

Cherry Grove—In peace and brotherly love. Elder Zadoc Bullock is Supply.

Cross Roads—Cammunicates nothing of a very interesting nature, only that peace and harmony abound. Has a Bible class, and monthly prayer meetings. Elder H. Lennon is Supply.

Friendship—Speaks of having the word faithfully preached. Yet complains of lukewarmness. Elder D. B. Ayres is Supply.

Hickory Grove—Does not give the cheering reports of large additions as heretofore, but are in peace and love. Elder F. Prevatt is Supply.

Honey Camp—Enjoys the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Considerable addition the past year by baptism. Elder Z. Bullock is Supply.

Iron Hill Cross Roads—At peace one with another. Elder D. N. Gore is supply.

Lebanon—Is in peace and in the enjoyment of good discipline. Elder Jesse Rogers has been Supply the past year.

Lumberton—Nothing special. Elder H. Lennon is Supply.

Macedonia—In a healthy condition. Elder Z. Bullock is Supply.

Mount Eliam—Has enjoyed a gracious outpouring of the Spirit. A considerable number added to the church. Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

Mount Pisgah—Has enjoyed some happy meetings. Has a semi-monthly prayer meeting. Elder John Harrelson is Pastor.

Mount Sinai—Are at peace, and have the unity of the Spirit. Elder D. J. Ray is Supply.

Mount Tabor—Union and brotherly love pervade this body. Are without Pastor or Supply.

Mount Zion—Peace and harmony prevail. Have regular preaching, also regular prayer meetings. Elder F. Prevatt is Supply.

New Britain—Nothing special. Elder J. Bennett is Pastor.

Orange Street—Complains of a want of spirituality and christian zeal. Elder A. Paul Repiton is now Pastor.

Paradise—Nothing special. Elder D. J Ray has been the Supply the past year.

Piney Grove (Marion)—Is rejoicing in a special outpouring of the Spirit. 59 have been added by baptism. Elder Z. Bullock is Supply.

Piney Grove (All Saints)—Newly constituted. Without Pastor or Supply.

Pleasant Grove—Exhibits quite a pleasing state of things. Elder E. D. Johnson is Supply.

Pleasant Hill—Has enjoyed a refreshing season. Is at peace, and union abounds. Elder William Ayres is Supply.

Pleasant Plains—Has had the word faithfully preached.

and enjoyed some interesting meetings. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Porter Swamp—Nothing special. Complains of rather a cold state of things. Elder G. W. Hill is Supply.

Raft Swamp—Nothing special or interesting. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor.

Seven Creeks—Is rejoicing, because "the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." Elder Joel Bennett is Supply.

Shady Grove—Peace and love abound. Elder Isham Stone is Supply.

Shiloh—Rather stationary. Elder W. B. Bullard is Supply.

Spring Branch—"Spring time has come." The Lord has revived his work. Peace and love abound. Elders Noel Bullock and Wm. Ayres have been the Supply the past year.

Spring Field—Is thankful to God for the prospect before them. Elder William Ayres is Supply.

Union—Has a difficulty with Beulah church. Elder D. B. Ayres is Pastor.

United Churches—Complains of a long wintry season.—Elder Zadoc Bullock is Supply.

White Lake—No change. Elder F. Prevatt is Supply.

White Marsh—Nothing interesting. Elder D. N. Gore is Supply.

Western Prong—Nothing important. Elder G. W. Hill is Supply.

White Oak—Has a Sabbath School—Bible class and regular prayer meetings. Elder W. B. Bullard is Supply.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

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| The Committee of Finance report the amount sent up by the churches for the Association fund, | $85 00 |

Respectfully submitted.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE FOR THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD OF THE CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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| The amount sent up by churches and individuals is, | $331 10 |
| Sabbath collection, | 32 95 |
| | $364 05 |

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL, Chairman.

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## REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Benjamin Freeman, Treasurer. Dr.

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| Oct. 1860. | To amount received from Committee of Finance, as per report, | $85 00 |

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| 1860. | Paid Messrs. James & Walthall balance for printing Minutes for 1859, | $10 00 |
| | " same for printing these Minutes, | 60 00 |
| | Due Clerk from last year, | 20 00 |
| | " " for present year, | 40 00 |

# REPORT OF TREASURER OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

| 1860. | BENJAMIN FREEMAN, Treasurer. | DR. |
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| Oct. | To balance in hands of Treasurer, | $ 30 27 |
| | " amount sent up by the churches and individuals, | 331 10 |
| | " am't accounted for by Eld. P. C. Connelly, | 36 00 |
| | " am't of Sabbath collection, | 32 95 |
| | | $430 32 |

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| Oct. 1860. | By am't paid Eld. Jesse Rogers, | $ 80 00 | |
| | " amount paid Elder P. C. Connelly, | 273 00 | |
| | " am't paid Eld. D. N. Gore, | 77 32 | |
| | | | $430 32 |

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Ayres, William | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Ayres, D. B. | Little River, Horry District, " |
| Bennett, Joel | Beach's P. O., Columbus co., N. C. |
| Bullard, W. B. | Leesville, Robeson county, " |
| Bullock, Z. | Fair Bluff, Columbus county, " |
| Bullock, Noel | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond county, N. C. |
| Dusenbury, Samuel | Bucksville, Horry District, S. C. |
| Hill, G. W. | Pleasant Plains, Columbus co., N. C. |
| Gore, D. N. | Whiteville, " " |
| Harrelson, John | " " " |
| Johnson, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson, " |
| Lennon, G. W. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick co., " |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Robeson county, " |
| Noble, A. M. | Cerro Gordo, Columbus county, " |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, Robeson county, " |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus county, " |
| Repiton, A. Paul | Wilmington, New Honover co., " |
| Store, Isham | Lumberton, Robeson county, " |
| Sessom, R. M. | Bryan Swamp, Bladen county, " |

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## LICENTIATE MINISTERS' NAMES AND ADDRESS.

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| Lennon, J. P. | Byrdsville, Brunswick county, N. C. |
| Martin, Norman | Leesville, Robeson " " |
| Martin, M. R. | Blanton X Roads, Horry Dist., S. C. |
| Pitman, A. R. | Leesville, Robeson county, N. C. |
| Phillips, Daniel | " " " " |
| Smith, Ezekiel | Byrdsville, Brunswick, " " |

# MINUTES

OF THE

## FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH,

**ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,**

October 25, 26, 27 and 28,

**1861.**

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By zealous effort, and amid dark and discouraging circumstances Elder Haynes Lennon preserved printed Minutes of the Cape Fear Association for each year of the war, one entire edition was burned by Gen Sherman and afterward re-printed

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# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1861.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder Furney Prevatt, from John, 14th ch. and 37th verse: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you," &c.

After an intermission of twenty minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The names of the Churches were called, and there being a majority present, the Moderator read appropriate portions of Scripture, and after singing a Hymn, the Divine direction was invoked by Elder G. W. Hill.

Appointed Brethren F. Lennon, Ewen Johnson and John Monroe a Committee of Finance.

On motion, the Church Letters were called for and read.

After the reading of Letters, and recording the names of Delegates, proceeded to the election of Officers, when Elder Haynes Lennon was elected Moderator, and B. Freeman Clerk and Treasurer, and Brother David Cashwell Assistant Clerk.

An invitation was then extended to sister Associations and visiting Brethren; when Elder H. McAlpin, from the Union, came forward with a package of Minutes from that body. Elder C. T. Anderson of South Carolina also came forward and took a seat with us.

Elder H. Lennon offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, our beloved country is now in arms in defence of our homes and families:

Therefore Resolved, in solemn Council, that we humble ourselves, and supplicate the Divine direction, during this session of the Association.

After the adoption of the foregoing resolution, Elder H. McAlpin offered prayer.

Appointed B. Freeman, John Monroe, Rowland Mercer, Eli Wishart and John Israel a committee to supply the Stage during the session of the Association.

Brethren Eli Wishart, Calvin Flowers, A. G. Meares, H. J. Lee, and J. W. Branch were appointed a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed a Committee to select Messengers to corresponding Associations, as follows, to wit: Elder G. W. Hill, and brethren A. F. Powell and Joseph Thompson.

Committee to examine Ministers preparatory to ordination: Elders P. C. Connelly, W. B. Bullard, F. Prevatt, William Ayres, G. W. Hill; and, on motion, the Moderator was added.

Appointed a Committee to prepare a digest of the state of religion in this Association, as indicated by the Church letters, to wit: D. Cashwell, J. G. Powell and Amos High.

Committee of Arrangements: the officers of this body.

Committee on Ministerial Education: Elders G. W. Hill, and P. C Connelly and Bro. D. Cashwell.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder Anderson.

### SATURDAY, October 26.

Met according to adjournment. After reading appropriate portions of Scripture and the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by Elder W. B. Bullard.

An invitation was then extended to corresponding Messengers and visiting Brethren to seats with us, when Brethren Daniel Monroe, Robert Monroe and J. McLean, with package of Minutes and letter of correspondence from Pee Dee Association, came forward and took seats with us. Also Elder J. H. Cobb and Brethren Noah Mercer, and Jas. A. Rozier from the Cedar Creek Association.

Called on the Committee appointed at the last session of this body, to visit the Beulah and Union Churches, to inquire into and if possible settle a matter of grievance by the latter against the former, to report, when Elder P. C. Connelly made verbal report to the effect that nothing had been done. Other Brethren made similar statements. It was then agreed to raise a Committee to visit those Churches, whose duty it shall be to investigate the matter and use their best endeavors to effect a reconciliation of the difficulty, and report to the next session of this body. The Committee appointed are, Elders P. C. Connelly, G. W. Lennon, D. J. Ray, G. W. Hill, and F. Prevatt—three of whom shall form a quorum.

The Moderator was continued a Committee to lay before the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College the subject of Scholarship of this body.

Elder H. Lennon, to whom was referred the business of Colportage in the bounds of this Association, made report that he had received for that object, from Churches and individuals, the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars and seventy cents, ($112 70,) as follows:

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| Elder W. B. Bullard, | $3 00 |
| W. S. Melvin, | 5 00 |
| Raft Swamp Church, | 5 00 |
| Antioch, | 5 00 |
| Big Branch, | 5 00 |
| Ashpole, | 6 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 6 00 |
| Lumberton, | 11 70 |
| Porter Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 10 00 |
| Elder Isham Stone, | 2 00 |
| Rec'ts at last Association, | 44 00 |
| | $112 70 |

| Still due as follows: | |
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| Western Prong, | $20 00 |
| Shiloh, | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| Elder A. Paul Repiton, | 10 00 |
| W. S. Melvin, | 1 00 |
| Alva Sellers, | 1 00 |
| Elder G. W. Hill, | 1 00 |
| B. S. Jones, | 1 00 |
| R. M. McRackan, | 25 00 |
| | $74 00 |

Elder Haynes Lennon was continued General Superintendent of Colportage in this Association.

Elders William Ayers and Noah Bulloch were appointed a Committee to visit the following Churches, viz: Mill Creek, Shallote, Bryan's Chapel, Salem, and as many others in the Southern portion of this body as they can make convenient to visit, and ascertain the cause of their not being represented in this and prior meetings, and report to the next meeting of this Association.

On motion, agreed to raise a Committee to visit the Church at Western Prong, to settle if possible a difficulty existing between parties connected with said Church; when Elder W. B. Bullard and Brethren B. Freeman and Bright Williams were appointed.

Agreeably to the resolution passed on yesterday, at 1 o'clock Prayer was offered by Elder P. C. Connelly, in behalf of the Country.

Elder Elias Davis, from the Cedar Creek Association, was invited to a seat with us.

The next session of this body to be held with the Church at Pleasant Grove, Robeson county, Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in October 1862. Services to commence at 10½ o'clock A. M. Elder Wm. Ayers to preach the Introductory; Elder Haynes Lennon Alternate.

Elder Haynes Lennon is appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at 12 o'clock on Sabbath; Elder P. C. Connelly Alternate.

Brother D. W. McGougan, from Cedar Creek, was invited to a seat with us.

On motion of Elder P. C. Connelly, Thursday before 4th Lord's Day in October next is set apart as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, for the prosperity of the Redeemer's cause, especially throughout the bounds of this Association, and the spread of His cause generally.

On motion of Elder F. Prevatt, Thursday before the 4th Lord's Day in December next to be observed as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, in behalf of this Confederacy.

Took a recess for 20 minutes.

Re-assembled. Prayer by Elder F. Prevatt.

Gave way for a session of the Domestic Mission Board.

Elder Haynes Lennon was re-elected President, and B. Freeman Secretary and Treasurer.

Brethren J. G. Powell, W. S. Melvin and A. H. Harrelson were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The following Churches and individuals paid in the respective amounts as exhibited below, viz:

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| Antioch, | $11 80 | White Oak, | $5 00 |
| Big Branch, | 5 00 | Bear Swamp, | 3 50 |
| Cross Roads, | 5 00 | Spring Field, | 1 50 |
| Orange Street, | 15 00 | A. F. Powell, | 5 00 |
| Back Swamp, | 3 60 | N. Martin, | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 5 00 | A. Powell, | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 2 60 | J. G. Powell, | 3 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 2 50 | Calvin Jones, | 3 00 |
| Piney Grove, | 2 50 | | |
| Spring Branch, | 5 00 | Total, | $87 00 |
| Western Prong, | 5 00 | | |

On motion, the Committee were ordered to pay the amount over to the Treasurer.

On motion, Brethren John Monroe, J. W. Smith and Francis Lennon were appointed a Committee to secure the services of a Missionary or Missionaries to preach in the bounds of this Association the coming year.

The Association then went into session.

Called on the Committee to prepare a digest of the State of Religion to report. Report received and the Committee discharged. For Report see Appendix.

Elder John R. Kelly was appointed to preach at 10 o'clock A. M. on Sabbath, and to choose his own subject.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder Noel Bullock.

### SABBATH, October 27.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Congregation assembled at the Stage and were entertained by a Discourse delivered by Elder John R. Kelly, founded on the 7th and 8th verses of the 5th chapter of Romans: "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die," &c.

Elder Elias Dodson having arrived before the services commenced, (at the request of Elder P. C. Connelly, who had been appointed at the last session of this body to preach,) at 12 o'clock M. delivered a Discourse on the subject of Missions, from the 24th chapter of Proverbs, 11th and 12th verses; "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death," &c. After which a collection was taken up amounting to $20 25.

Elder Hugh McAlpin then preached from the 16th chapter of Matthew and 15th verse: "He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am?"

We are happy to have it in our power to say, that these Discourses were listened to with the most profound attention, and that the best of order pervaded the Congregation throughout the day.

### MONDAY MORNING, October 28.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder A. R. Pitman.

After calling the names of the Churches and correcting the Minutes, proceeded to business.

Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received.

Extended an invitation to Brethren from other bodies to take seats with us, when Elder Elias Dodson, from the Beulah Association, presented himself and was cordially received.

Called on the Committees appointed to write on the various topics connected with this body to report.

Elder P. C. Connelly offered a resolution in behalf of the "Biblical Recorder," which elicited stirring appeals to the body from Elders Dodson, McAlpin and others, to sustain the Recorder.

For resolution see Appendix.

On motion of Brother Ewen Johnson, a call was made for subscribers to the Recorder to be sent to our soldiers, when the following Brethren came forward and subscribed as follows:

Elder Haynes Lennon, for A. H. Watson, Smithville, $2.
Bro. J. G. Powell, for Fair Bluff Volunteers, " $1.
Bro. Ewen Johnson, $1.

Report on Ministerial Education read and received, and the Committee discharged. See Appendix.

Committee of Finance reported as follows:

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| The amount sent up by the Churches, | $59 28 |
| Sabbath Collection, | 20 25 |
| Total, | $79 53 |

Agreed to have 2000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed in the usual way.

The Clerk to have $15 for his services.

The amount sent up by the Churches being insufficient to pay expenses incident to printing Minutes, &c., a call was made on the body in aid of that object, when the Brethren following paid in the respective amounts annexed to their names, to-wit:

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| Elder Furney Prevatt | $1 00 | Bro. Francis Lennon | $1 00 |
| “ P. C. Connelly | 1 00 | “ E. Johnson | 1 00 |
| “ Haynes Lennon | 1 00 | “ J. W. Smith | 1 00 |
| “ G. W. Hill | 50 | “ John Israel | 25 |
| “ Noel Bullock | 50 | “ Daniel Coleman | 25 |

Called on the Committee to select Messengers to sister Associations to report. Report received and the Committee discharged. [See Appendix.]

Gave way for the Domestic Mission Board.

Called on the Committee to procure the services of Missionaries to report. Report received and the Committee discharged. [See Appendix.]

On motion, agreed to raise an Executive Committee, which is as follows, to-wit: Elder Haynes Lennon, B. Freeman, Francis Lennon, Elder A. R. Pitman and Ewen Johnson.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to Elder G. W. Hill all former dues for services rendered the Board.

All unfinished business is referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board then adjourned to time and place of the next Meeting of the Association.

The Association then went into Session.

The subject of a Hymn Book was discussed, and finally agreed, that it should be referred to the Churches composing this body, to decide what Book they will adopt.

Appointed Elder Haynes Lennon, B. Freeman and F. Lennon an Executive Committee for this body, whose duty it shall be to bring up all unfinished matter pertaining to the same.

## OBITUARY.

Elder Samuel Dusenberry was born in the State of New York, August 11th, 1792, and was during his minority an assistant Apothecary. On arriving at maturity he entered the service of the United States as Surgeon in the Navy, in the War of Seamen's Rights. Shortly afterwards he came to Charleston, S. C., in connection with a prize taken from Great Britain. Subsequently he came to North Carolina, Columbus county, located and married a Miss Lay* He connected himself with the Episcopal Methodist denomination, and was an active laboring Class-Leader and Exhorter for several years. With them he contracted a peculiar affectation in articulation which he never lost. Like most others who examine Pedoism, found himself wandering, and, upon a careful perusal of the Bible, embraced individual faith in Christ and personal subjection to the ordinances of God's House, and was baptized by Elder Solomon Reeves into the fellowship of the Church at Seven Creeks. He was immediately licensed to preach the Gospel of the Son of God, which he did with zeal and in good faith. About the year 1840 he was received by letter at the Church at Bear Swamp, Marion District, S. C., and in January 1843 was regularly ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Elders William Ayres and John F. McCall. He labored gratuitously for the Churches around him, but would never assume the Pastoral charge of any. Truly it may be said of this man, that he walked with God, and enjoyed that fellowship with Jesus Christ that distinguishes his earnest followers from formalists. His daily study was the Bible, and for thirty years he made it a point to read the whole volume through annually. He was mild, humble and forgiving, and withal always gave liberally to the cause of Christ. On the 10th day of August 1861 he closed his earthly course, looking forward to a crown of righteousness reserved for him in Heaven. The Cape Fear Baptist Association, in the death of this amiable Brother, has lost one of its most ardent friends, and the Church at Bear Swamp one of its members whose exemplary character cannot be excelled.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association are due, and hereby tendered, to the Brethren and friends of this vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

The Association, with the Congregation, then assembled at the Stage, and after singing our usual parting Hymn, Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and the session was formally adjourned to time and place specified.

HAYNES LENNON, *Moderator.*

B. FREEMAN, *Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

## RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Resolved, That we, in view of the pre-eminent qualifications of the Editor of the Biblical Recorder, and the almost indispensable necessity of the circulation of such a paper among us, recommend that the above-named periodical be patronized throughout the length and breadth of our Association.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

As the Christian Ministry is the highest and most responsible calling on earth, and the work to be performed the most important, it necessarily requires qualifications of the first order.

That education is to supercede the necessity of a change of heart, or a divine call, or that none should enter the Ministry but those who have had the advantage of a preparatory training, will not be admitted or insisted upon.

That the Lord has committed the preaching of the Gospel to human instrumentality, and that, in the accomplishment of His purposes, He usually works through the agency of means, is evident. As a consequence, we may naturally expect more will be accomplished by a man of cultivated mind, other things being equal, than by one whose qualifications are of an inferior grade.

That many zealous, energetic and self-sacrificing Ministers have succeeded wonderfully and done nobly, with a very limited education, is readily admitted; but the question naturally arises, that with a liberal education what might they not have accomplished? What mortifications they might have escaped, or difficulties made lighter, we cannot conjecture. As education and intelligence are rapidly advancing, the times demand a corresponding increase in Ministerial education; hence we need not expect Ministers of the same grade of learning to accomplish the same in the present or succeeding age that they did in the past.

We therefore request our young Brethren, who have the Ministry in view, to avail themselves of all the means in their power to obtain a liberal education; at least, a thorough acquaintance with the common English branches. And to those already in the Ministry, whose advantages for cultivating their minds have been limited, and whose age or condition in life will possibly admit of it, we would *urge* the *necessity* of further improvement. The lawyer or physician cannot lay aside his studies as soon as his license or diploma is obtained, if he expects to command an extensive practice or succeed well in his profession.

Application is just as necessary in the Ministerial as in the legal or medical profession, if you would be a "workman approved," who "need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If you wish to maintain your position and usefulness, and the respect of the younger part of your congregation, apply yourself assiduously to study. It is true, the time you can devote to this purpose may be small, and you may find a great many difficulties in the way; but have method in all your arrangements, keep a steady course in view, never lose sight of it, let your motto be onward and upward, if your progress is ever so slow. A little better acquaintance with the rules of grammar, and improvement in your pronunciation, and the avoidance of some familiar and uncouth expressions, will soon make a decided improvement in your abilities as a minister. While you are learning to arrange your sentences with accuracy and order, you will also be learning to think with accuracy and order.

In order to keep the mind strong and vigorous, it must be kept in continual exercise. Rust consumes faster than labor wears, and the key that is often used is always bright. But literary acquirements, desirable and necessary as they are, should not be our only object:—the *heart* must be educated, and we should labor for the development of all those christian graces which beautify and adorn the Ministerial profession. We should continually sit at the feet of Jesus, and daily learn in the school of Christ the lessons of patience, humility and perseverence. Study God's Word, live at a throne of grace, seek more of the mind and spirit of Christ, prove faithful unto death, and receive the unfading crown of eternal life. Respectfully submitted.

G. W. HILL, Ch'n.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized ...... | Rec'd by Let. | Restored ...... | Dismissed ..... | Excluded...... | Dead............ | Blacks......... | Total........... | Association Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch......... ......... | J. W. Smith, John Israel, Lemuel Taylor............... | 39 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 219 | $2 40 |
| Ashpole......... ......... | P. C. CONNELLY, Jos. Thompson, WM. AYRES, A. R. PITMAN......... ......... ......... ......... ......... ......... | 20 | 4 | ...... | ...... | 5 | 1 | ...... | 268 | 3 00 |
| Back Swamp............ | E. D. JOHNSON, J. L. Nance, Alfred Townsend........ | 19 | 6 | 5 | ...... | ...... | ...... | 45 | 169 | 3 00 |
| Big Branch......... ......... | W. B BULLARD, J. F. Ward, Moses Warwick......... | 14 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 10 | ...... | 4 | 150 | 2 00 |
| Lumberton ......... ......... | Benj. Freeman, T. A. Norment, W. C. Graham........ | ...... | 5 | ...... | ...... | ...... | 1 | ...... | 54 | 1 78 |
| Mount Eliam............ | ISHAM STONE, W P. Barnes, K. Phillips...... ....... | 24 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 124 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Grove.......... | Norman Martin, W. A. Martin, John Humphrey...... | 15 | 2 | ...... | 1 | ...... | 1 | 68 | 233 | 2 00 |
| Raft Swamp.............. | F. PREVATT, James Prevatt, C. Staten......... ......... | 2 | ...... | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 86 | 2 00 |
| COLUMBUS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam............. | *W. J. Stanly, Daniel Ward, *Edward White......... | 2 | ...... | ...... | ...... | 9 | 3 | ...... | 111 | 1 50 |
| Cherry Grove........... | Not represented. Total in 1860......... ......... ......... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 41 | ........... |
| Cross Roads............. | HAYNES LENNON, F. Lennon, J. E. Lennon............ | 4 | 2 | ...... | ...... | ...... | 2 | 41 | 66 | 3 25 |
| Iron Hill X Roads...... | Not represented. Total in 1860......... ......... ......... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 193 | ........... |
| Macedonia ......... ....... | By Letter......... ......... ......... ......... ......... ......... | 2 | ...... | ...... | 2 | 1 | ...... | 14 | 62 | 1 00 |
| Mount Moriah.......... | Not represented......... ......... ......... ......... ......... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ........ | ........... |
| Mount Tabor............ | " " Total in 1860......... ......... ......... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 62 | ........... |
| Mount Sinai............. | *Z. BULLOCK, *N. Strickland, *T. Norris......... ......... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 1 50 |
| Mount Zion......... ....... | Calvin Jones, *T. Barefoot, *Jona. Lennon............ | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 1 | ...... | ...... | 33 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Plains......... | G. W. HILL, *John Williams, *W. Harrelson.......... | 4 | ...... | 1 | ...... | 11 | ...... | 36 | 144 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill............ | R. D. Best, W. P. Frink, Thomas Thompson.......... | 1 | 2 | ...... | 6 | 5 | ...... | ...... | 75 | 1 50 |
| Porter Swamp............ | Daniel Coleman, A. F. Powell, J. G. Powell.......... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 119 | 2 30 |
| Seven Creeks............ | R. F. Marlow, James Stephens......... ......... ......... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 4 | ...... | 6 | 40 | 75 |
| Western Prong........... | John Ellis, Amos High, T. S. Memory......... ......... | 3 | ...... | ...... | 1 | ...... | ...... | 8 | 33 | 1 25 |
| White Marsh............ | B. S. Jones, *John Dew, *Noah Rouse......... ......... | ...... | ...... | 2 | ...... | 6 | ...... | 68 | 118 | 1 00 |

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| BLADEN. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam | A. W. Melvin, *T. P. Rollins, *Joab Smith* | 1 | 1 | ...... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 157 | 3 00 |
| Brier Branch | *T. Tatom, J. H. Tatom, A. Smith | ...... | ...... | ...... | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 106 | 1 00 |
| Hickory Grove | Eweu Johnson, R. M. SESSOM, T. Edwards | 4 | ...... | 1 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 27 | 146 | 3 00 |
| Paradise | J. M. Register, *R. Carroll, *F. Ezzell | 8 | 1 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 30 | 1 00 |
| Shiloh | John Monroe, *Peter Monroe, Jacob Freeman | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 50 | 120 | 1 50 |
| White Lake | Not represented. Total in 1860 | 5 | 7 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 71 | ...... |
| White Oak | William S. Melvin, Edward Martin | 5 | 7 | ...... | ...... | 1 | ...... | 1 | 47 | 1 05 |
| BRUNSWICK. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beulah | Not represented. Total in 1859 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 39 | ...... |
| Bethel | " " Total in 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 37 | ...... |
| Bryan's Chapel | " " " " 1859 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 22 | ...... |
| Cheerful Hope | G. W. LENNON | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 47 | 1 00 |
| Friendship | Not represented. Total in 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 43 | ...... |
| Mill Creek | " " " " 1858 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 54 | ...... |
| Mount Pisgah | " " " " 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 165 | ...... |
| New Britain | " " " " 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 131 | ...... |
| Shallotte | " " " " 1859 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 62 | ...... |
| Union | " " " " 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 22 | ...... |
| NEW HANOVER. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street | David Cashwell | ...... | ...... | ...... | 4 | 1 | ...... | ...... | 141 | 2 50 |
| MARION DIST., S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp | NOEL BULLOCK, *T. P. Watson, *T. W. Ayres | 23 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | ...... | 37 | 179 | 3 00 |
| Piney Grove | E. L. Rogers, W. H. Wiggins, A. H. Harrelson | 15 | 6 | 1 | ...... | 3 | ...... | 5 | 103 | 2 50 |
| HORRY DISTRICT, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp | Not represented. Total in 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 122 | ...... |
| Lebanon | " " " " 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 37 | ...... |
| Little River | " " " " 1859 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 25 | ...... |
| Salem | " " " " 1859 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 12 | ...... |
| Spring Branch | *John Granger, Sr., Elias Tyler, Curtis Williamson | 9 | ...... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 139 | 2 00 |
| Spring Field | William Hughes, *Wm. E. Gore, *Jordan Hughes | 21 | 1 | 4 | ...... | ...... | 1 | ...... | 98 | 1 50 |
| Piney Grove | Not represented. Total in 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 7 | ...... |
| United Churches | " " " " 1860 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | 46 | ...... |

Those marked thus (*) were absent.

The Committee to select Messengers to Corresponding Associations make the following Report:

To Cedar Creek—Elders Haynes Lennon, W. B. Bullard, P. C. Connelly, E. D. Johnson, and Brethren B. Freeman, Warren Williams. Francis Lennon to write the Letter.

To Pedee—Elders F. Prevatt and A. R. Pitman, and Brethren Joseph Thompson and Giles Williams. T. A. Norment to prepare the Letter.

To Union—Elder A. Paul Repiton, Brethren Wm. S. Melvin, A. F. Powell and John Monroe. A. Paul Repiton to prepare the Letter.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. HILL, Ch'n.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION.

The Committee to whom was referred the business of examining Brethren for the Ministry, report as follows: We are well pleased with the Christian experience and disposition of our Brethren who came before us, but, under existing circumstances, recommend the postponement of their Ordination for the present.

P. C. CONNELLY, Ch'n.

The Committee to select Missionaries for the ensuing year report as follows: The Committee to whom was referred this subject beg leave to say, that they have performed that duty, and say that the services of Elders William Ayres and P. C. Connelly can be obtained during a part of the ensuing year.

JOHN MONROE, Ch'n.

## REPORT OF ELDER D. N. GORE.

Dear Brethren: Pursuant to agreement, I commenced labors as your Itinerant about the twelfth day of February last, and according to the best advantage bestowed my labors equally among the destitute Churches in the Southern portion of the Association. I found things, as regards discipline, &c., much as when I left them in the Fall; but owing to the excitement caused by the great and sudden change in political affairs, I deemed it unnecessary to proceed any further, supposing that Pastors of Churches, with local Preachers, would be about all that the circumstances could justify in laboring. I travelled eighteen days, preached twenty-one sermons, and received on Christian experience seven persons. Travelling expenses none.

Respectfully submitted.

D. N. GORE, Missionary.

## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES,

### AS INDICATED BY THEIR LETTERS.

Antioch.—This Church has enjoyed precious seasons of Divine grace; sinners have been brought into the fold of Christ, and are rejoicing in redeeming mercy. They have a flourishing Bible Class, and large, attentive congregations. Elder H. Lennon, Pastor.

Beaver Dam, Columbus Co.—Has nothing of interest to report, except that good order and brotherly affection abound. Elder D. J. Ray, Pastor.

Back Swamp—We have cheering intelligence from this Church, of conversions and baptisms. Elder Elias D. Johnson, Pastor.

Brier Branch.—Their letter refers to difficulties; of having no Pastor, and no additions of members.

Bear Swamp—Expresses gratitude to God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit, the awakening of sinners, the comforting of penitents, and encouraging of believers. Elder Wm. Ayres, Pastor.

Beaver Dam, Bladen Co.—These Brethren say they are at peace one with another; have the Gospel faithfully dispensed by Elder H. McAlpin, and are looking forward with a degree of confidence to seasons of greater spiritual prosperity.

Big Branch.—In His own good time the Lord has been pleased to favor this Church with the visitations of His Spirit, and they have been made happy in welcoming their neighbors, and their neighbors' children, as participants of redeeming love and mercy. Elder H. Lennon, Pastor.

Cheerful Hope.—No particular change since last year. They sustain a Sabbath School. Elder G. W. Lennon, Pastor.

Cross Roads.—"Peace and harmony abound with us, and the approving smiles of a gracious God, we humbly trust, are resting upon us." They have a good Bible Class, and large congregations. Elder H. Lennon, Pastor.

Hickory Grove.—Eighteen of their members enlisted in the service of our common country, materially diminishing the strength of the Church, though they seem to enjoy the comforting grace of God. Elder F. Prevatt, Pastor.

Lumberton.—Nothing of interest from this Church. They have been faithfully supplied with preaching by Elder H. Lennon.

Mount Sinai—Asks the prayers of the Association, that God may pour out His Spirit and revive His grace in their hearts. Elder D. J. Ray, Pastor.

Mount Zion.—They lament the cold condition into which they have relaxed, but express hope for a better future.

Macedonia.—Congregations small but attentive. They manifest a desire that the Lord may do a good work about Macedonia.

Mount Eliam—Enjoys a good degree of prosperity, with large accessions. Elder I. Stone, Pastor.

Orange Street.—In a languishing condition.

Pleasant Grove.—"We have been blessed of God;" numbers have been added by baptism. Elder D. Johnson, Pastor.

Ashpole.—God has graciously blessed this Church, under the Pastorate of Elder P. C. Connelly, and added to their numbers those whom we hope will be saved.

Porter Swamp—Complains of dearth and coldness. Elder G. W. Hill, Pastor.

Piney Grove.—"Though gloomy darkness appears to cover the world, yet we freely enjoy the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ." Elder Z. Bullock, Pastor.

Paradise.—Though not having the advantage of regular Pastoral aid, this Church seems to have been blessed with precious seasons of Divine grace.

Raft Swamp—The Brethren of this Church entertain hope that the faithful labors of God's servant, Elder F. Prevatt, their Pastor, will not be lost upon their congregation.

Shiloh.—They enjoy peace and harmony. Elder W. B. Bullard, Pastor.

Spring Field.—In a good state; have had interesting meetings and considerable accessions. Elder Wm. Ayres, Pastor.

Seven Creeks.—They report no change; have no Pastor.

Spring Branch.—Under the Pastorate of Elder Wm. Ayres, this Church has been encouraged by additions, though reference is made to the counter influences induced by the state of the country.

Pleasant Hill.—At peace with each other, and have monthly preaching by Elder D. J. Ray.

Pleasant Plains.—In reviewing the Lord's dealings with them, they feel that they have cause for devout gratitude. Elder G. W. Hill, Pastor.

White Oak.—"We have been supplied by the faithful services of Elder W. B. Bullard, and have reason to believe that the seed sown have fell on good ground, and have brought forth fruit to the glory of God."

Western Prong.—"We have had but few accessions to our numbers." Some disorder exists. Elder G. W. Hill is their Pastor.

White Marsh.—They have been faithfully served by Elder D. J. Ray, their Pastor, though coldness prevails.

Shady Grove.—The Divine blessing has been realized to some extent by this Church, under the faithful Pastorate of Elder I. Stone.

In view of the many obvious difficulties our Churches have had to contend against during this year of trial, your Committee are gratified at the truly devotional and trustful spirit evinced by their communications generally; the remarkably kind feeling and christian sympathy manifested by all the delegates present, and the encouraging results of faithful Ministerial and Christian labor, as indicated by the pleasing intelligence of so many happy conversions and baptisms from various portions of our widely extended area.

For the comparatively small number of our Churches represented at this session, your Committee are at a loss to account, upon any other hypothesis than the present unsettled state of the country, the financial stringency consequent thereupon, and the apprehensions of evil, at this particular time, all along and near our seacoast border, excited by the threatening attitude of our Northern enemies. Unless, perchance, a worse enemy, *religious error*,—known to be in arms, and in hostile invasion of our Lord's dominions,—may have captured, or wounded, or otherwise damaged, some of our Brethren thereabouts.

Respectfully submitted.

D. CASHWELL, Ch'n.

## REPORT OF B. FREEMAN, CLERK AND TREASURER.

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| Amount sent up by the Churches, | $59 28 |
| Sabbath Collection, | 20 25 |
| By Brethren in the Association, | 7 50 |
| | $87 03 |
| CONTRA. | |
| By amount paid for printing the Minutes, | $55 00 |
| By amount paid the Clerk, due for last year's services, | 35 00 |
| By amount allowed Clerk for services this year, | 15 00 |
| | $105 00 |

Respectfully submitted.
B. FREEMAN, Clerk and Treas'r.

## REPORT OF B. FREEMAN,

*Secretary and Treasurer of the Domestic Mission Board of the Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

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| Amount sent up by the Churches, as per Report of Committee of Finance, | $87 00 | |
| Paid in by Bro. T. S. Memory, | 5 00 | |
| Amount reported by Elder G. W. Hill, for Mount Pisgah Church for the year 1859, | 11 10 | |
| | | $103 10 |

Respectfully submitted.
B. FREEMAN, Sec'y and Treas'r.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Ayres, William | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Ayres, D. B. | Little River, Horry District, S. C. |
| Bennett, Joel | Beach's P. O., Columbus county, N. C. |
| Bullard, W. B. | Leesville, Robeson “ “ |
| Bullock, Noel | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Bullock, Zadoc | Fair Bluff, Columbus county, N. C. |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond “ “ |
| Hill, G. W. | Pleasant Plains, Columbus county, N. C. |
| Gore, D. N. | Whiteville, “ “ “ |
| Harrelson, John | “ “ “ |
| Johnson, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson “ “ |
| Lennon, G. W. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick “ “ |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus “ “ |
| Noble, A. M. | Cerro Gordo, “ “ “ |
| Pitman, A. R. | Leesville, Robeson “ “ |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, Robeson “ “ |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus “ “ |
| Repiton, A. Paul | Wilmington, New Hanover “ “ |
| Stone, Isham | Lumberton, Robeson “ “ |
| Sessom, R. M. | Bryan Swamp, Bladen “ “ |

## LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Lennon, J. B. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick county, N. C |
| Martin, Norman | Leesville, Robeson “ “ |
| Martin, M. R. | Blanton's X Roads, Horry District, S. C. |
| Smith, Joab | Elizabethtown, Bladen county, N. C. |
| Smith, Ezekiel | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick “ “ |
| Phillips, Daniel | Leesville, Robeson “ “ |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 24, 25, 26 and 27,

1862.

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# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 24th, 1862.

The Introductory Sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder Wm. Ayres, founded on 22d verse of the 14th chap. of Acts: "Confirming the souls of the disciples," &c.

After an intermission of twenty minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The names of the Churches were called: it was ascertained that there was less than a majority represented: it was agreed to proceed to business with those present.

The Moderator read the 27th Psalm, and after the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by Elder Furney Prevatt.

Appointed Brethren Francis Lennon, Ewen Johnson and John Monroe a Committee of Finance.

On motion, the Church Letters were then called for.

After the reading of Letters and enrolling the names of the Delegates, proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted in the re-election of Elder Haynes Lennon, Moderator, and B. Freeman, Clerk and Treasurer, and Elder A. R. Pitman, Assistant Clerk.

An invitation was then extended to Ministers and Brethren from sister Associations, when Brother Robert Monroe, from the Pedee, presented himself; also, Elder B. F. Jessop, of Georgia, consequently not connected with any Association in this State; also, Elder J. R. Kelly, a member of the Church at Forestville.

The resolution of last year, on the state of the country, with a slight alteration, was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Whereas, our beloved country is still in arms in defence of our homes and families:

Therefore Resolved, in solemn council, That we humble ourselves, and supplicate the Divine direction, during the Session of the Association; and that a half-hour be devoted to that special object each morning, before proceeding to other business.

Appointed the following Committees on the subjects therein named, to-wit:

To supply the Stand—B. Freeman, Joseph Thompson, Francis Lennon, Norman Martin and Robert S. Moore.

On Ministerial Examination—Elders Wm. Ayres, C. T. Anderson and Wm. B. Bullard.

To select Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations—John Monroe, R. M. McRackan, Jacob Thompson and Elder F. Prevatt.

To prepare a Digest on the State of Religion in the bounds of this body, as indicated by the Letters—Elder A. R. Pitman.

Committee of Arrangements—The Officers of this body.

On Colportage—Elders C. T. Anderson and A. R. Pitman, and B. Freeman.

The duty of the Churches under the present crisis—Brother R. M. McRackan, Elders C. T. Anderson, B. F. Jessop and the Moderator.

Adjourned until 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Kelly.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th.

Met according to adjournment.

The Moderator not having arrived, Elder Wm. Ayres was called to the Chair temporarily, and the exercises of the day commenced by carrying out the resolution of yesterday.

Called for Delegates representing Churches that did not answer on yesterday.

The Moderator arrived and took the Chair.

A Quere from the Brier Branch Church was discussed at some length, which reads as follows, to-wit:

"Is it right for a member of the Church to distill his own fruit and that of his neighbors, and use the spirits as he pleases or sell it to good citizens?" [For answer, see page 6.]

Read and corrected the Minutes of yesterday.

Called the names of the Delegates.

Extended an invitation to Ministers and Brethren from other bodies to take seats with us: Brother John W. McLean, from Pedee Association, and Brother Noah Mercer, from Cedar Creek, accepted the invitation.

Called for the Report of the Committee of Arrangements. Report received and made the order of the day.

Further time was granted Elder A. R. Pitman to prepare a Digest on the State of Religion and then refer it to the Moderator and Clerk.

The next session of this body to be held with the Church at Cross Roads, Columbus county, to commence Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October 1863, at 10½ o'clock A. M. Elder G. W. Hill to preach the Introductory, and Elder D. N. Gore, Alternate.

Elder P. C. Connelly to preach a Sermon on Missions, at 12 o'clock on Sabbath of the meeting.

The Committee to select Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations reported. Report received and the Committee discharged.

Appointments as follows: To Pedee Association—Elders P. C. Connelly, Furney Prevatt and Brother David T. McNeill. To Welsh Neck—Elders A. R. Pitman and C. T. Anderson. To Cedar Creek—Elder E. D. Johnson, Brethren John Monroe, W. S. Melvin and B. Freeman. To Union—Elders A. Paul Repiton and Haynes Lennon.

The Committee on the duty of Churches under the present crisis reported. Report received and the Committee discharged. [For Report see Appendix.]

Took a recess of half an hour.

Re-assembled. Prayer by Elder Noel Bullock.

Gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

Appointed Brethren Giles Williams, C. C. Gore and John Creech a Committee of Finance.

The following amounts from the Churches and individuals were then handed in, to-wit:

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| Antioch | $10 50 | White Lake | $5 00 |
| Ashpole | 7 00 | White Oak | 5 80 |
| Back Swamp | 5 00 | Bryan's Chapel | 5 00 |
| Big Branch | 10 25 | Cheerful Hope | 10 50 |
| Lumberton | 7 50 | Bear Swamp | 7 00 |
| Raft Swamp | 5 00 | Spring Branch | 10 00 |
| Cross Roads | 14 55 | Springfield | 5 00 |
| Mount Zion | 5 00 | Daniel Stanaland | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Plains | 5 00 | J. W. Gore | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 5 00 | Elder Wm. Ayres | 5 00 |
| White Marsh | 5 00 | Elder C. T. Henderson | 2 50 |
| Brier Branch | 5 00 | | |
| Hickory Grove | 5 00 | | $155 60 |

Elder Haynes Lennon was re-elected President of the Board, and B. Freeman Secretary and Treasurer.

Called on the Missionaries to report. Elder Wm. Ayres reported. [See Appendix.]

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay Elder Wm. Ayres the amount due him for 47 days' service, at $1 50 per day.

Ordered further, that the Treasurer pay Elder D. N. Gore for 18 days' service at the same rate.

On motion, Brethren John Monroe, J. M. McGougan and Francis Lennon were appointed a Committee to procure the services of a Missionary or Missionaries to labor in the destitute sections of this Association, and report to the Executive Committee.

Appointed an Executive Committee, consisting of Elders Haynes Lennon and A. R. Pitman, and Brethren B. Freeman, F. Lennon and R. M. McRackan.

The Association then resumed its session.

Called on the Committee on Ministerial Examination to report. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes. [See Appendix.]

The Committee on Colportage reported. Report received and its appendage ordered. [See Appendix.]

On the adoption of the Report on Colportage some discussion took place, and it was agreed that a collection for that special object be taken up on Sabbath.

Elder H. Lennon laid before the body the condition of affairs in relation to books purchased from the "Publication Society" of Philadelphia, previous to the commencement of hostilities, which had been ordered by the Association, and the purchase money not having been paid, Elder Lennon had reported to the "Receiver" of the District. It was agreed that he retain the amount in his hands until it was ascertained what amount he would have to pay the Confederate Government according to the "Sequestration Act."

Elder P. C. Connelly, on behalf of the Committee appointed at the last session of this body, to settle a difficulty existing between Beulah and Union Churches, reported verbally that the difficulty was amicably and satisfactorily adjusted.

Elder W. B. Bullard, on behalf of the Committee appointed at last session to settle a difficulty existing between certain members of Western Prong Church, reported to the effect that the matter was settled.

The quere from Brier Branch Church was again taken up and answered as follows, to-wit: "Such are the circumstances with which we are now surrounded, that any other than that of medicinal and mechanical purposes savors the spirit of *extortion* that characterizes the present course of the wicked world, and that any toleration beyond that will tend to evil."

On application for a Letter of Dismission by the Brier Branch Church to join the Cedar Creek Association, said Church is dismissed when joined there.

Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. B. Bullard.

### SABBATH, Oct. 26.

The weather was exceedingly unpropitious, and but a small number assembled in the Church. They, however, were addressed by Elder William Ayres, in his usual solemn and impressive manner, from the 4th chap. of 1st Timothy, and 8th verse: "For bodily exercise profiteth little," &c. After which a stirring appeal was made to the congregation in behalf of Army Colportage. A collection was taken up for that object, amounting to some $36.

### MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 27.

Met according to adjournment.

The exercises of the morning were participated in by Elders Gore and Ayres. The Association then proceeded to business.

Committee of Arrangements reported. Report received and made the order of the day.

Read and corrected the Minutes of Saturday.

Called on the Committee of Finance to report. Report received and the amount ordered to be paid over to the Treasurer. [See Appendix.]

Ordered 2000 copies of these Minutes to be printed.

It is unanimously agreed and hereby ordered, that the Clerk send a copy of these Minutes to the President and Vice President of the Confederacy, and to each of the Governors of the States composing the same.

The following resolution was offered and adopted, to-wit:

Whereas, a number of Churches have failed to contribute to the Minute Fund:

Therefore Resolved, That the Ministry and Deacons' attention be called to this fact, and that they urge upon such delinquent Churches the absolute necessity of contributiag their proportion for that object.

The Minute Fund was found to be insufficient to defray the expenses of printing, &c. The following Brethren came forward and contributed the several amounts annexed to their names, to-wit:

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| Elder William Ayres | $1 00 | Bro. Norman Martin | 50 |
| Bro. John Monroe | 1 00 | " Jesse Foaly | 10 |
| " Daniel Phillips | 25 | " Ewen Johnson | 1 00 |
| Elder C. T. Anderson | 50 | Elder Noel Bullock | 25 |
| Bro. J. W. Gore | 50 | Bro. J. L. Nance | 55 |
| " C. C. Gore | 50 | " Monroe Peterson | 1 00 |
| " Giles Williams | 1 00 | Elder A. R. Pitman | 50 |
| Elder Furney Prevatt | 1 00 | Bro. N. Rouse | 50 |
| Elder E. D. Johnson | 25 | " B. S. Jones | 25 |
| Bro. John Creech | 25 | " Rowland Mercer | 10 |
| " W. S. Melvin | 1 00 | " J. P. Ellis | 50 |
| " L. T. Andrews | 25 | | |
| " John M. McGougan | 60 | | $14 35 |
| " Levi Granger | $1 00 | | |

Agreed that the Clerk be allowed the sum of $20 for transcribing, superintending the printing and distributing the Minutes.

A number of the Churches expressed in their Letters their preference for a Hymn Book, but as the means of obtaining such book is now entirely out of our reach, it was

Resolved unanimously, to use the Hymn Book now in use until the Denomination in the Southern Confederacy determine on a Denominational Hymn Book.

Agreed that the collection for Colportage be sent to the Baptist State Convention, to be used as a common fund for the use of the Soldiers of this Confederacy.

The following were appointed Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to-wit: Elders J. R. Kelly, C. T. Anderson, A. R. Pitman, H. Lennon, P. C. Connelly, D. N. Gore, F. Prevatt and A. Paul Repiton; and Brethren J. M. McGougan, Francis Lennon, R. M. McRackan, Ewen Johnson, C. C. Gore, B. Freeman, Giles Williams and Joseph Thompson.

Whereas, the Biblical Recorder, edited and published by our highly esteemed Brother, J. D. Hufham, whose good judgment and enterprizing mind, exhibited in the management of this invaluable periodical, entitle him to our confidence and support:

Be it therefore Resolved, That we recommend to every head of a family of this Association, whose circumstances will justify them in so doing, to patronize the Recorder, not only as a religious journal, but also for its general news items.

[Address, Rev. J. D. Hufham, Raleigh, N. C. Price $3 in advance.]

All unfinished business is referred to the Officers of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Brethren and friends of this vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during the session of the same.

Gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

Called on the Committee who were appointed to procure the services of a Missionary or Missionaries to report. Report received and its appendage ordered. [See Appendix.]

Agreed that the Clerk use a sufficient amount of the funds on hand to make up the deficiency of printing Minutes, &c. the past and present year.

Adjourned.

The Association again went into session.

There being no further business, it was agreed to repair to the Stand, where we would be formally adjourned.

A general collection was taken up in the congregation, which amounted to $75, including the Sabbath collection; and the following Brethren paid in the sums annexed to their names, to-wit:

| | | | |
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| Elder Haynes Lennon | $10 | Bro. Ewen Johnson | $10 |
| " G. W. Lennon | 10 | " Francis Lennon | 10 |
| Bro. Henry Bullock | 10 | " Giles Williams | 10 |
| " Joseph Thompson | 10 | " R. M. McRackan | 10 |
| " Jacob Thompson | 10 | " W. J. Stanly | 10 |
| " J. M. McGougan | 10 | | |
| | | | $110 |
| Add general collection | | | 75 |
| | | | $185 |

Which sum, by resolution heretofore, is to go to the Baptist State Convention for Army Colportage.

The usual parting Hymn was sung, Prayer by the Moderator, and the meeting adjourned to time and place specified.

HAYNES LENNON, Moderator.

B. FREEMAN, Clerk.

# APPENDIX.

### *REPORT of Elder William Ayres.*

DEAR BRETHREN: It now becomes my duty to report my services for the Board as Missionary. By the interposition of God, I have not been able to do the services I expected to do; but when I was permitted to go, although coldness seemed to pervade, the congregations were good for the times, and good order and attention, and all seemed to say by their conduct and word, "Send us Ministers to preach for us the Word of Life." I have had some good meetings. I have travelled 47 days, preached 55 sermons, received to baptism 9 persons. And now I tender to all my thanks for their kindness and hospitality extended to me, and also to the members of the Domestic Mission Board for the honor conferred on me by the appointment. And may the Lord bless the feeble effort of your servant.

Permit me, dear Brethren, in conclusion, to say to you, send some *efficient* Minister to the destitute Churches in our bounds, and you will see the fruits of your labors at the next meeting of the Board. May God direct some one of His Ministers to that part of His vineyard, whose labors He would own and bless, is the prayer of your Brother in Christ,

WM. AYRES.

### *REPORT on Ministerial Examination.*

The Committee to examine Candidates for Ordination beg leave to report: That we have duly examined Brethren Norman Martin, John P. Lennon and Daniel Phillips, and that we recommend Brethren Martin and Lennon to ordination, and that we recommend Brother Phillips, while we are pleased with his intentions and desires, to prosecute his *studies* another year. All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. AYRES, Ch'n.

### *REPORT on Colportage.*

The subject of Colportage is one that has so often been treated of, in so many various ways, that in itself nothing new can be brought out; but circumstances have opened up a new field of *operations* for that particular department of religious service, which claims our most serious and earnest consideration. We allude particularly to the distribution of religious reading matter among our brave soldiers who are now standing in defence of the rights of our country, and who to a great extent are deprived of the privileges of religious instruction.

The system of Colportage among them supplies much of this deficiency, and no doubt has been the means, in the hands of God, of bringing many to seek the salvation of their never-dying souls. In the hospitals, most especially, it is of incalculable value; very few who are there confined that would not eagerly seize with avidity the opportunity of obtaining any good reading matter; and why not supply them with those little Heavenly Messengers which can be procured at so trifling a cost?—1500 pages of Tracts for $1: besides, there are Testaments now being issued in the Confederacy that they can be supplied with. As those confined in the hospitals become convalescent, their minds naturally crave something to while away the tedious and to them irksome hours. Then let us supply them with such reading as will direct their minds to their best interests. All which is respectfully submitted.

C. T. ANDERSON.

## *REPORT of the Committee on the Crisis of the Country.*

The Committee to whom was referred the condition of the country in this crisis has, in writing this Report, the duty of Church members specially in view.

In making it, it is necessary to advert to the early history of the country—to go back to "those days which tried men's souls"—and call to mind the state of things in those trying times; to see the good faith then plighted; in order to show to a candid Christian world, that we of the South were acting in accordance with the assurances then given, and continued so to do, while ever the memory of those events were cherished by the North, and men were not corrupted by false views.

We of the South, in common with our *once* Northern brethren, received a Constitution, as a rich heritage from our fathers; an inheritance procured by a mutual toil—a mutual suffering, and the loss of many of our best men on the bloody battle-field. We received it in good faith, and stand (in our opinion) acquitted of any falsity before the world, and so believing, submit our conduct to the judgment of all good and law-abiding men.

We as a community of Christians, called Baptists, say that, to the written Word of God we go for a justification of our conduct in this unholy war now being waged upon us; that we denominate this a war of aggression, done in violation of the plighted faith of our fathers to make the Constitution the fundamental law of the land—from which all legislative acts to emanate, and with which must agree; that we as a Christian body, have done what the written word has commanded us to do, to-wit: that it was our duty to respect the powers that be, for the powers that be are ordained of God, and that we in the observance of those requirements have done our whole duty.

We have gone further: we have met them with, the olive branch and sought peace and conciliation; we have reminded them of our rights under the Constitution; that that Constitution secured to us rights which should be respected, and failing to do that, we stood discharged from its further observance, and almost in the language of supplication have entreated them to desist from the usurpations assumed by them. To all these we have been met by insult and treated with the greatest possible indignities.

We therefore say, that we feel justified before God and man in meeting a ruthless foe and driving him from our soil, and feel that every Church member is justified in resisting the assailants wherever and whenever they are met; and any Church-member soldier deserting the ranks of his country in this trying time, if he be one who has been induced by the consideration of pelf, should be expelled from the Church as a man violating his duty to his God and a traitor to his country; or, if he has entered, urged by patriotism or constraint, but unfortunately timid, we would recommend him to the discretion of the Church. And we embrace all who attempt to screen and hide themselves, or who give aid to any one so attempting, as guilty in this emergency.

COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to procure the services of Missionaries to operate in the bounds of this Association beg leave to report: That we have secured the services of Elder D. N. Gore, who is to devote twenty days in each month. Also, Elder G. W. Lennon promises to serve the body some days. The Committee recommend that Elder Gore act as Colporteur. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MONROE, Ch'n.

*A DIGEST of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Ashpole—Has enjoyed a glorious revival; 11 added by Baptism. Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor.

Antioch—Is in a growing condition; has a Bible Class, Sabbath School and weekly Prayer Meetings. Elder H. Lennon is Supply.

Big Branch—Has enjoyed a copious outpouring of the Spirit of God in its midst; 25 added by Baptism. Has a well conducted Bible Class. Elder H. Lennon, Supply.

Mount Eliam—Is in good order, brotherly love abounding. Elder Isham Stone is Pastor.

Back Swamp—Had a meeting of days; 8 added by Baptism. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Raft Swamp—Laments the death of some of its most prominent members, among them one of its Deacons. Had a protracted meeting of 10 days; 8 added by Baptism. Has a Sabbath School and weekly Prayer Meetings. Elder Furney Prevatt, Pastor.

Pleasant Grove—Is in a healthy condition, under the Pastoral care of Elder E. D. Johnson. Has also received the labors of Brother Norman Martin one Sabbath in each month. Has executed discipline in some instances.

Lumberton—Has been blessed with a glorious revival; 18 added by Baptism. Elder C. T. Anderson, Pastor. Elder E. D. Johnson rendered considerable service during a protracted meeting and other occasional visits.

Cross Roads.—No material change during the past year. Elder Haynes Lennon is Pastor.

Macedonia—Is in a cold condition. Without a Pastor.

Mount Zion.—Peace and harmony abound. Reports no changes. Elder G. W. Hill is Supply.

Pleasant Plains—Is in good standing; mourns the loss of its Senior Deacon. Elder G. W. Hill, Pastor.

Pleasant Hill.—Prospects bright. Supplied by Elders J. R. Kelly and D. N. Gore.

White Marsh—Has been under no regular Pastor during the past year, but has been well supplied with the Word of Life by different Ministers, and has enjoyed a precious revival. 20 Baptized.

Brier Branch.—No special change. Has been without a Pastor the past year; Brother Joab Smith has labored with them.

Hickory Grove—Laments the loss of 8 members by death; peace and harmony abound. Elder F. Prevatt, Supply. Has also enjoyed the labors of Elder R. M. Sessom.

Shiloh—Has enjoyed a precious season; has large and attentive congregations. Elder P. C. Connelly, Supply.

White Lake—Has been blessed with a revival; 9 aded by Baptism. Elder W. B. Bullard, Supply.

White Oak—Is in a healthy condition; has a good Sabbath School and monthly Prayer Meetings. Elder Wm. B. Bullard, Supply.

Cheerful Hope—Continues in brotherly love and union; no changes of interest. Elder G. W. Lennon, Pastor. Brethren E. Smith and C. Little also labor with them.

Bryan's Chapel—Complains of coldness, though looking forward for better things; enjoys the labors of Elder G. W. Lennon as Supply, also Brother J. P. Lennon. All in peace.

Bear Swamp—Laments the loss of 10 of its members by death. Is in a healthy condition. Enjoys the labors of Elder Wm. Ayres, Pastor, and also Elder Noel Bullock the 4th Sabbath in each month.

Piney Grove, (Marion District,)—Is in a thriving condition; has large and attentive congregations. Elder Z. Bullock is Supply; has also enjoyed the labors of Ministers.

Spring Branch—Mourns the loss of 11 of its members by death, and among them several of their best and most efficient. Elder Wm. Ayres, Supply. Congregations large and attentive; peace and love abound.

Springfield—Is in good standing; enjoys peace and brotherly love. Elder Wm. Ayres, Supply.

## *REPORT of B. Freeman, Clerk and Treasurer.*

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| Amount sent up by the Churches, | $65 60 |
| " made up by Brethren in the Association, | 14 35 |
| Received since the Association by the hands of Elder Haynes Lennon— | |
| For Porter Swamp Church, | 2 50 |
| Western Prong " | 1 05 |
| | $83 50 |
| CONTRA. | |
| By amount paid for printing the Minutes, | $80 00 |
| " " due Clerk for former services, | 17 97 |
| " " allowed Clerk for services this year, | 20 00 |
| Deficit, | $34 47 |

### *REPORT of B. Freeman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Domestic Mission Board of the Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

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| Amount remaining from last year, | | $103 10 |
| " sent up this year by the Churches, and individual contributions, | | 155 00 |
| Received by the hands of Elder H. Lennon, since the Association, as follows: | | |
| For Porter Swamp Church, | | 6 50 |
| " Western Prong " | | 5 00 |
| | | $269 60 |
| CONTRA. | | |
| By amount paid Elder Wm. Ayres, | $70 50 | |
| " " " " D. N. Gore, | 27 00 | |
| | | $97 50 |
| | | $172 10 |

Deduct from this amount the deficiency in the Minute Fund.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec by Let. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Blacks. | Total. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | *John Israel, Jesse Phillips, R Mercer, | 4 | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 181 | $4 50 |
| Ashpole, | Joseph Thompson, A R PITMAN, Henry Davis, | 11 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | | 278 | 4 00 |
| Back Swamp, | E D JOHNSON, L W Thompson, J L Nance, | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 161 | 3 00 |
| Big Branch, | W B BULLARD, G Williams, J P Barnes, | 25 | | 1 | | 4 | 2 | | 166 | 4 20 |
| Lumberton, | C T ANDERSON, *D McKethan, B Freeman, | 18 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 4 | 14 | 73 | 3 85 |
| Mt. Eliam, | *I STONE, Samuel Stone, *J R Stone, | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 115 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | *Daniel Phillips*, L T Andrews, Jesse Foaly, | 5 | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 60 | 161 | 2 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | F PREVATT, J P Davis, A Moore, | 8 | | 2 | | 1 | 3 | | 89 | 2 00 |
| COLUMBUS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | Not represented. Total in 1861, | | | | | | | | 111 | |
| Cherry Grove, | " " " " 1860, | | | | | | | | 41 | |
| Cross Roads, | HAYNES LENNON, F Lennon, R M McRackan, | 1 | 4 | | | | 3 | 28 | 155 | 6 30 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | Not represented. Total in 1860, | | | | | | | | 193 | |
| Macedonia, | John Edmund, *J P Edmund, *D R Parker, | | | | | | | 13 | 63 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Moriah, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Sinai, | " " Total in 1861, | | | | | | | | 50 | |
| Mt. Tabor, | " " " " 1860, | | | | | | | | 62 | |
| Mt. Zion, | A P Daniel, *B High, | 2 | 4 | 2 | | | | | 40 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Hill, | J W Gore, D N GORE, *S E Hughes, | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 7 | 72 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Plains, | *G W HILL, *J M M Gore, C C Gore, | | | | 1 | 3 | 7 | 31 | 137 | 2 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | Not represented. Total in 1861, | | | | | | | | 119 | |
| Seven Creeks, | " " " " 1861, | | | | | | | | 40 | |
| White Marsh, | B S Jones, John Creech, Noah Rouse, | 20 | | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 72 | 133 | 1 50 |
| Western Prong, | Not represented. Total in 1861, | | | | | | | | 33 | |
| BLADEN. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | " " " " 1861, | | | | | | | | 157 | |
| Brier Branch. | J H Tatum, *G W Downing, *T Davis, | | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 3 | 105 | 1 00 |

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| Hickory Grove, | R M SESSOM, E Johnson, D Johnson, | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 8 | 26 | 137 | 3 00 |
| Paradise, | Not represented. Total in 1861, | | | | | | | | 30 | |
| Shady Grove, | “ “ “ “ 1861, | | | | | | | | 59 | |
| Shiloh, | John Monroe, *P Monroe, *N Cashwell, | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 123 | 2 75 |
| White Lake, | *J G Sutton, *J L Sutton, Monroe Peterson, | 9 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | 79 | 2 00 |
| White Oak, | W S Melvin, *Ed. Martin, *J P Hall, | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 51 | 2 50 |
| BRUNSWICK. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | Not represented. Total in 1860, | | | | | | | | 37 | |
| Beulah, | “ “ “ “ 1859, | | | | | | 3 | | 39 | 1 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | *J P Lennon*, Wm A Robbins, Jr, | | | | 1 | | | | 14 | 1 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | G W LENNON, J B Ellis, *James Jones, | | | | | | 1 | | 46 | 1 00 |
| Friendship, | Not represented. Total in 1860, | | | | | | | | 43 | |
| Mill Creek, | “ “ “ “ 1858, | | | | | | | | 54 | |
| Mt. Pisgah, | “ “ “ “ 1860, | | | | | | | | 165 | |
| New Britain, | “ “ “ “ 1860, | | | | | | | | 131 | |
| Shallotte, | “ “ “ “ 1859, | | | | | | | | 62 | |
| Union, | “ “ “ “ 1860, | | | | | | | | 22 | |
| NEW HANOVER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street, | “ “ “ “ 1861, | | | | | | | | 141 | |
| MARION DISTRICT, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | N BULLOCK, T W Ayres, E B Ford, | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 10 | 40 | 257 | 3 00 |
| Piney Grove, | E L Rogers, T Harrelson, *E Scott, | 11 | | | | 2 | 2 | 5 | 105 | 2 50 |
| HORRY DISTRICT, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp, | Not represented. Total in 1860, | | | | | | | | 122 | |
| Lebanon, | “ “ “ “ 1860, | | | | | | | | 37 | |
| Little River, | “ “ “ “ 1859, | | | | | | | | 25 | |
| Salem, | “ “ “ “ 1859, | | | | | | | | 12 | |
| Spring Branch, | Levi Granger, J M McGoogan, *Wm Granger, | | 2 | | | 1 | 11 | 18 | 129 | 4 00 |
| Springfield, | Wm Hughes, *Wm E Gore, L M Hardwick, | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 12 | 99 | 2 00 |
| Piney Grove, | Not represented. Total in 1860, | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| United Churches, | “ “ “ “ 1860, | | | | | | | | 46 | |
| | Total, | 141 | 31 | 23 | 15 | 41 | 84 | 430 | 4807 | $65 60 |

Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; Licentiates in *Italics*. Those marked thus (*) were absent.

NOTE.—The sum of one dollar, appended to the Beulah Church, was sent up by Brother Daniel Stanaland.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| *Names.* | *Post Offices.* |
|---|---|
| Ayres, William | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Ayres, D. B. | Little River, Horry District, S. C. |
| Bennett, Joel | Beach's P. O., Columbus County, N. C. |
| Bullard, W. B. | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Bullock, Noel | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Bullock, Zadoc | Fair Bluff, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond County, N. C. |
| Gore, D. N. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Harrelson, John | " " " " |
| Hill, G. W. | Pleasant Plains, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Johnson, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Lennon, G. W. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Noble, A. M. | Cerro Gordo, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Pitman, A. R. | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Repiton, A. Paul | Wilmington, New Hanover County, N. C. |
| Sessom, R. M. | Bryan's Swamp, Bladen County, N. C. |
| Stone, Isham | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Anderson, C. T. | " " " " |
| Martin, M. R. | Blanton's Cross Roads, Horry Dist., S. C. |

## LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES.

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| Lennon, J. P. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Martin, Norman | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Smith, Ezekiel | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Smith, Joab | Elizabethtown, Bladen County, N. C. |
| Phillips, Daniel | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIFTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

**CROSS ROADS CHURCH,**

COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

Oct'r 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th,

1863.

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# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 23, 1865.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Hill, from Psalms, 27th chapter and 4th verse: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."

After an intermission of 20 minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The names of the Churches were called. A majority being present, the Moderator proceeded to open the exercises by reading the 14th chapter of St. John. Prayer was offered by Elder D. N. Gore.

Appointed J. C. Powell, John Monroe and Eli Wishart a Committee of Finance.

The Church Letters were read and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill was elected Clerk and Treasurer, and Elder A. R. Pitman Assistant Clerk.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Messengers and Visiting Brethren from other bodies, when Elders B. F. Jessup, from the Eleazer Association, Geo.; F. A. Belcher, from the United Baptist Association, and J. R. Kelly, C. T. Anderson and D. N. Gore, from the Whiteville Church, came forward and were invited to seats with us

The following Committees were then appointed, viz: To supply the Stand—B. Freeman, John Monroe, F. Lennon, E. Wishart and E. Johnson. On Ministerial Examination—Elders P. C. Connelly, C. T. Anderson, H. Lennon, F. A. Belcher and F. Prevatt. Committee of Arrangements—G. W. Hill, B. Freeman and A. R. Pitman. On Colportage—Elders F. A. Belcher, D. B. Ayres and G. Williams. On Special Changes—P. C. Connelly, G. W. Hill and H. Lennon.

On motion, it was Resolved, That a half-hour each day during the sitting of this body be devoted to Special Prayer in behalf of the country, and for a revival of religion among us.

An invitation to Churches to connect with this Association was extended, when the Delegates from the Church at Whiteville came forward with a Letter and were received. A petition was also presented from a colored Church at Sandy Plains, desiring admission. But while the subject was under discussion, a motion was made to adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder C. T. Anderson.

### SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 24.

Met according to adjournment.

Called the List of the Churches.

The Moderator read the 15th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Elder Jessup.

Agreeable to a resolution on yesterday, a very effective and impressive prayer was offered by Elder A. P. Repiton, in behalf of the country.

Called the names of the Delegates and corrected the List.

There being no Letter from the Orange Street Church, Elder A. P. Repiton was admitted as a Delegate from that Church.

Extended an invitation to Delegates from Corresponding bodies. Elder J. M. Beasley and D. W. McGugan, from the Cedar Creek Association, came forward with a package of Minutes and were welcomed to seats with us.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. Report was read and made the order of the day.

Took up the case of the Sandy Plains Church, which was received on the condition that they be willing to represent by their Pastor or some proper white persons.

Application was made by Zion Tabernacle, a Church from the Cedar Creek Association, for admission into this body, which was granted, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the Delegates.

Agreed to hold the next Session of this Association with the Back Swamp Church, Robeson County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October 1864. Elder D. N. Gore to preach the Introductory Sermon and C. T. Anderson Alternate. Elder H. Lennon to preach the Sermon at 12 o'clock on Sabbath.

Appointed John Monroe, B. Freeman and Elias B. Ford a Committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, F. Prevatt, D. J. Ray, D. N. Gore and P. C. Connelly a Committee to visit the Mount Pisgah Church and settle a difficulty existing between said Church and its Pastor, Elder John Harrelson.

Appointed Elders G. W. Hill and D. N. Gore to visit the unrepresented Churches in Brunswick County, N. C., and Horry District, S. C. It was also agreed that they be paid at the same rates as Missionaries while thus engaged.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The Association came in session.

On application, a Letter of Dismission was granted to the Beaver Dam Church, (Bladen County,) to join the Cedar Creek Association.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to A. S. McMillan, as a visiting Brother from the Pedee Association, and G. E. Cobb, from the Cedar Creek Association.

The Report on Army Colportage was called for and read. After some very appropriate and affecting remarks, in which Elders Jessup, Repiton, Belcher and the Moderator participated, the Report was received and a collection taken up from Churches and individuals, as follows:

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| Lumberton Church | $110 50 | Elder D. N. Gore | $5 00 |
| Antioch | 72 50 | R. D. Best | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads | 66 65 | Elder J. P. Lennon | 5 00 |
| Back Swamp | 32 60 | Mrs. Rachael Memory | 5 00 |
| Big Branch | 31 25 | W. S. Melvin | 5 00 |
| Raft Swamp | 30 00 | Joab Smith | 5 00 |
| Hickory Grove | 21 00 | D. F. Williamson | 5 00 |
| Bethel | 10 00 | B. Long | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Plains | 11 00 | Elder N. Martin | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 5 00 | Elias B. Ford | 5 00 |
| A. F. Powell | 20 00 | Elder A. R. Pitman | 5 00 |
| R. M. McRackan | 20 00 | Elder G. W. Hill | 5 00 |
| T. S. Memory | 20 00 | W. Lennon | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Sarah Rouse | 15 00 | R. F. Marlow | 5 00 |
| Joseph Thompson | 15 00 | B. S. Jones | 3 00 |
| Elder F. A. Belcher | 10 00 | Sion Collum | 3 00 |
| A. S. McMillan | 10 00 | Elder P. C. Connelly | 3 00 |
| E. Johnson | 10 00 | L. W. Thompson | 3 00 |
| W. A. Robbins | 10 00 | J. C. Kelly | 2 00 |
| W. T. Frink | 10 00 | Noah Mercer | 2 00 |
| J. C. Powell | 10 00 | John Monroe | 2 00 |
| John Frink | 10 00 | Elder R. M. Sessums | 2 00 |
| G. Williams | 10 00 | Elder D. J. Ray | 2 00 |
| Elder J. M. Beasley | 5 00 | A. H. Mashburn | 2 00 |
| Elder N. Bullock | 2 00 | E. Sellers | 1 00 |
| T. W. Ayres | 2 00 | J. B. Ellis | 1 00 |
| L. T. Andrews | 2 00 | J. M. Register | 1 00 |
| Thomas Rogers | 1 50 | John Creach | 1 00 |
| Elder D. B. Ayres | 1 00 | Wm. E. Melvin | 75 |
| T. Barefoot | 1 00 | Elder James Cashwell | 50 |
| Mrs. Mary Robbins | 1 00 | Peter Monroe | 50 |
| Wm. Vause | 1 00 | H. B. Howell | 50 |
| H. Enzor | 1 00 | E. Martin | 25 |
| | | | $678 00 |

The Association adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Beasley.

SABBATH, Oct. 25.

The services were opened by Elder N. B. Cobb, who read the 10th chapter of St. John, and preached from the 27th and 28th verses: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me," &c.

Elder A. P. Repiton followed with a Sermon founded on the 36th verse of the 8th chapter of St. Mark: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul." At the close a collection was taken up, amounting to $96 90. After an intermission of thirty minutes, Elder D. N. Gore made a short discourse, from the 1st chapter of St. John and the last clause of the 36th verse: "Behold the Lamb of God." At the conclusion, Elder N. B. Cobb made some very impressive remarks on Army Colportage, and closed the services by prayer.

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### MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 26.

Met according to adjournment.

Reading the Scriptures by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder F. Prevatt. Elder Cobb offered prayer in behalf of the country.

Read and corrected the Minutes.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements was read and made the order of the day.

Extended an invitation to Visiting Brethren. Elder N. B. Cobb, from the Pamlico Association, General Superintendent of Army Colportage for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, came forward and was invited to a seat.

Elder Cobb was requested to prepare a Report on Sabbath Schools.

Committees were called on to report.

The Committee to select Delegates to Corresponding Associations reported. The Report received and the Committee discharged. [See Appendix.]

The Committee on Special Changes not being in readiness, longer time was extended to them to prepare suitable Obituaries of departed Ministers of this Association who died during the past year.

The Committee of Finance reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Ordered, that the Clerk be authorized to have as many copies of the Minutes printed as the funds sent up by the Churches for that purpose will justify.

Ordered, that the Clerk be allowed fifty dollars for transcribing, superintending the printing and the distribution of the Minutes.

Ordered, that the funds in the hands of the Treasurer for Army Colportage be paid over to the General Superintendent.

Appointed the following Brethren Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Elders A. P. Repiton, P. C. Connelly, F. Prevatt, C. T. Anderson, J. R. Kelly, D. N. Gore, D. J. Ray, R. M. Sessums, J. P. Lennon, D. B. Ayres, and Brethren J. M. McGougan, R. M. McRackan, Joseph Thompson, F. Lennon, A. F. Powell, John Frink, T. W. Ayres, Eli Wishart, Ewen Johnson, and Elder H. Lennon.

The Report on Ministerial Examination was called for, amended, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The Committee on Special Changes was called on to report, when Elder A. P. Repiton presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our councils and Communion our dearly beloved and useful Brethren, Elders William Ayres, W. B. Bullard and G. W. Lennon: Therefore

Resolved, That while we bow with deep submission to the inscrutable providence of Almighty God in the removal of our brethren from His earthly temples to that building of God—that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens—yet we cannot but regret our loss while we rejoice in their eternal gain.

Resolved, further, That we deeply sympathize with the families of our deceased Brethren, and pray that God will sanctify their bereavement to their spiritual and eternal well-being.

Resolved, That we recommend their families to the grace, mercy and loving-kindness of our Heavenly Father, and that a copy of this preamble and resolutions be furnished each of said families.

While the above resolutions were pending, at the request of the Moderator, Elder Connelly offered prayer in token of our submission to this afflicting dispensation of Almighty God.

Voted that the thanks of this Association be respectfully tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity for their hospitable entertainment of this body.

The following resolutions relative to the state of the country were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association deeply sympathize with the Confederate States of America in the conflict in which they are now engaged for independence and nationality.

That we believe the contest in which we are engaged is a just one on our part, and that we offer special prayer for our success, and a speedy and honorable peace,—a peace that will meet the approbation of high Heaven.

And that we request our Ministering Brethren, in their pulpit labors, to make it a point to pray to the God of nations and of battles for our complete triumph over the invading foe at an early day.

Elder F. A. Belcher presented the following resolutions on Periodicals, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Association regards the Biblical Recorder, published by Rev. J. D. Hufham, at Raleigh, N. C., as an able exponent of the views of the Baptist denomination, and as such ought to be patronized by every Baptist family.

Resolved, also, That the Child's Index, published by S. Boykin, Macon, Georgia, is emphatically the paper for every Sabbath School and for children generally. Price $1 per annum.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The Association came in session.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was called for, read, accepted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Ordered, that all unfinished business be referred to the Moderator and Clerk.

Adjourned to the Stand, where the services were closed by singing the usual Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., and prayer by the Moderator.

H. LENNON, Moderator.

G. W. HILL, Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS

### OF THE

# DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24.

The Board came in session—B. Freeman in the Chair.

Having ascertained the number of Delegates to which each Church was entitled, the Churches were called and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

A. F. Powell, Elias B. Ford and Elder D. B. Ayres were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The funds were paid from the respective Churches and individuals, as follows:

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| Antioch | $20 00 | Cherry Grove | $15 00 |
| Ashpole | 11 00 | Cross Roads | 12 50 |
| Back Swamp | 14 00 | Iron Hill X Roads | 5 00 |
| Big Branch | 10 45 | Mount Sinai | 7 25 |
| Lumberton | 31 00 | Mount Zion | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 5 00 | Pleasant Hill | 22 00 |
| Raft Swamp | 10 00 | Pleasant Plains | 10 00 |
| Beaver Dam (Columbus) | 15 00 | New Britain | 5 00 |
| Porter Swamp | 20 00 | Bear Swamp | 15 20 |
| Seven Creeks | 10 00 | Piney Grove (Marion Dis.) | 5 00 |
| White Marsh | 5 00 | Spring Branch | 10 00 |
| Western Prong | 11 00 | Whiteville | 35 50 |
| Beaver Dam (Bladen) | 22 00 | Sandy Plains | 5 00 |
| Hickory Grove | 15 25 | Zion Tabernacle | 5 00 |
| Shiloh | 5 00 | Paradise, | 16 50 |
| White Oak | 10 00 | Daniel Stanaland | 9 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel | 50 00 | F. A. Belcher | 5 00 |
| Cheerful Hope | 30 00 | | |
| Mount Pisgah | 10 00 | | $492 65 |

Elder H. Lennon was elected Chairman, and Elder G. W. Hill Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointed J. C. Powell and Elder A. R. Pitman to audit and settle the account with the former Treasurer, and report to this body.

The Missionaries were called on to report. The Report of Elder D. N. Gore was read, received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. The Report of Elder P. C. Connelly was also read, received, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

Ordered, that the Missionaries be paid according to the time reported by them and the rates allowed.

Appointed F. Lennon, John Monroe, John Frink, A. F. Powell and Richard Wooten, to engage the services of Missionaries for the ensuing year.

It was agreed that the Missionaries be allowed $2 per day for the ensuing year.

The Board then adjourned till Monday.

MONDAY, OCT. 26.

The Board came in session.

The Committee to engage the services of Missionaries for the ensuing year was called on to report. The Report was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The Committee of Finance reported, and the Report was ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The Committee of Finance was ordered to pay over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

The Committee to audit and settle with the former Treasurer reported. The Report was accepted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon, C. T. Anderson, and Brethren A. F. Powell, Ewen Johnson and F. Lennon, an Executive Committee, to whom all unfinished business was referred. Also to superintend the Domestic Missions for the current year.

The Board then adjourned to the time and place of the meeting of the next Association.

H. LENNON, Ch'n.

G. W. HILL, Sec'y.

# APPENDIX.

## *REPORT of Elder D. N. Gore.*

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the tender mercies of God our Heavenly Father, I am once more permitted to enjoy the privilege of submitting my Report as your Itinerant. And while I enjoy this privilege, I am happy to state that I have some cheering intelligence to communicate. Notwithstanding the extreme coldness and indifference which seemed to exist in the early part of my labors, there has been lately an evident change in affairs pertaining to religion. And this change is apparent from the increased demand and solicitation for the preaching of the Gospel.

I have enjoyed some glorious meetings, in which many professed a happy conversion from the error of their ways. I commenced my labors immediately after our last Association, and have since that time devoted all the time I could in anywise spare from my other duties. Yet owing to the extreme wet weather during the greater part of the Summer season, I could not devote the time that I otherwise would have done. I have travelled one hundred and seventy days, preached two hundred and twenty sermons, received sixty persons on christian experience, and Baptized fifty-three. And now in conclusion, dear Brethren, receive my highest gratitude for the confidence reposed in me by your body, in accounting me worthy of the honorable position which you have seen fit to place me in.

And now may the all-sustaining grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Respectfully submitted.

D. N. GORE.

### *REPORT of Elder P. C. Connelly.*

DEAR BRETHREN: The time having arrived for me to give an account of the services which I have rendered the present year in the limits of our Association, it is with pleasure I give in my Report. Though I have labored as a Missionary but a short time the present Associational year, I have been welcomed on my tiresome way with kind looks, liberal hands and open hearts. To all human appearance, from time to time God in His infinite mercy has granted us gracious manifestations of His Divine Presence and revived his work among us.

Rendered fifty days' service, including rest days Received $37 50; expenses $6. Baptized 17 persons.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. C. CONNELLY.

### *REPORT on Ministerial Examination.*

Your Committee have carefully examined Brethren Joab Smith, of the Beaver Dam Church, (now dismissed to join the Cedar Creek Association,) and Daniel Phillips, formerly of this Association, at the request of the Pleasant Grove Church, S. C., and most respectfully state, that we have examined them upon their christian experience and call to the Gospel Ministry, with which we are well pleased: And would endorse their Ordination by their respective Associations or Churches, whenever done by them. We have also examined Brethren Noah Mercer and James M. Register, and while we are well pleased with them, would recommend them to a more mature study of the Word of God. Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

### *REPORT on Colportage.*

The condition of our country being such as to render Domestic Colportage to a great extent impossible at the present, we would submit to the Association the propriety and necessity of turning their attention entirely to Army Colportage.

Army Colportage now claims the undivided attention of Christians. The army now presents an extensive and inviting field of labor for the Christian Colporteur, and men and means are greatly needed to prosecute successfully this important branch of christian effort. Christian men should listen to this demand and exert themselves to meet it. There are now no hindrances to effort in this great christian enterprise. Our armies are accessible: our soldiers are ready and eager to read and hear the Word of God. They are crying to us from every quarter for Preachers and religious reading matter. God has signally blessed the labors of His servants who have labored in the capacity of Missionaries and

Colporteurs: many of our brave soldiers have been happily converted to God, and the good work still goes on.

Our friends, our countrymen, our kindred, are thus ready to receive the Word of God. Shall they have it?

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. BELCHER, Ch'n.

## *REPORT of the Committee appointed to select Delegates to Corresponding Associations.*

The Committee to whom was referred the selection of Delegates to Corresponding Associations submit the following Report:

To Cedar Creek—Elders H. Lennon, P. C. Connelly, E D. Johnson, D. N. Gore, and Brethren B. Freeman, John Monroe, Ewen Johnson, and Elder R. M. Sessums.

To the Union—Elders A. P. Repiton, G. W. Hill, D. N. Gore, D. J. Ray, J. P. Lennon, and Brethren W. S. Melvin and David Cashwell.

To the Welsh Neck—Elders Norman Martin, Noel Bullock, D. B. Ayres, C. T. Anderson, and Brethren T. W. Ayres and E. B. Ford.

To the Pedee—Elders F. Prevatt, P. C. Connelly, A. R. Pitman, and Brethren Jacob Thompson, James Humphries, Joseph Thompson and A. P. Daniel. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MONROE, Ch'n.

## *REPORT on Sabbath Schools.*

As the Churches of this body have sent up no statistics of Sabbath Schools in their Letters, it is impossible to make a satisfactory report on this subject.

It is therefore Resolved, That the Churches of this Association be earnestly requested to report yearly to the Association all Baptist Sabbath Schools in their bounds; with the number of Teachers; Pupils, male and female; the number of volumes in their Libraries; the names of their Superintendents, and other items of general interest connected with them.

Every Baptist Church with or without a Pastor, and every Baptist neighborhood, should have a Sabbath School. Catechisms and Hymn Books, published by Brethren from our own State, can now be obtained, and if a male Superintendent and male Teachers are wanting, the Ladies, who have not yet gone into the army, can act in their places. Children, whose fathers are in the army, are growing up in ignorance and wickedness, and should be gathered together on the Sabbath and instructed in the principles of morality and religion.

N. B. COBB.

## *REPORT of the Committee appointed to engage the services of Missionaries for the ensuing year.*

Your Committee would respectfully report: That they have obtained the consent of Elder D. N. Gore to supply the Churches in Brunswick County monthly with Itinerant services. Elder D. B. Ayres has also agreed to devote a portion of his time to Missionary labor.

Respectfully submitted. COMMITTEE.

## *Auditor's Report of Domestic Missions in C. F. Baptist Association.*

Your Committee to audit the accounts of Benjamin Freeman, former Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board in Cape Fear Baptist Association, upon investigation find a balance in his hands of one hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty-three cents, after allowing his vouchers.

J. C. POWELL, } Com.
A. R. PITMAN, }

## *A DIGEST of the State of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.*

Ashpole—Is in a prosperous condition; 9 added by Baptism. Has good congregations for the time, and regular Prayer Meetings. Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor.

Antioch—Is in peace; has large and attentive congregations for the times; mourns the death of some of its members, among them their Deacon, R. Mercer; 9 added by Baptism. Elder H. Lennon is Supply.

Back Swamp—Nothing interesting to communicate; is in peace. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastoral Supply.

Big Branch—Nothing cheering to communicate; Church meetings are thinly attended in consequence of many of their members being in the army; enjoys peace and harmony; has a Bible Class. Elder H. Lennon is Supply. 8 added by Baptism.

Lumberton—Is under the pastoral care of Elder H. Lennon, who has labored faithfully without any visible signs of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit; is looking forward for the blessing of God on the good seed sown, and hopes it may yet produce fruit to the honor and glory of God.

Mount Eliam—Has large and attentive congregations; love and harmony abound. Elder I. Stone is Supply.

Pleasant Grove—Nothing special; all peace. Elder E. D. Johnson is Supply.

Raft Swamp—Nothing special; brotherly love abounds; has a regular Prayer Meeting. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

Zion Tabernacle—Has had some glorious meetings; 10 added by Baptism. Elder R. M. Sessums is Supply. Have also enjoyed the labors of N. Mercer, a Licentiate, monthly.

Beaver Dam, (Columbus)—Is enjoying peace and harmony; has a regular Prayer Meeting and keeps up a Sabbath School during a part of the year. No Pastor.

Cherry Grove—Has experienced a revival; 9 added by Baptism; has a Prayer Meeting. Elder D. N. Gore is Supply.

Cross Roads—Laments the death of some of its best members; has had some very good meetings; 9 added by Baptism; is in good order. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Iron Hill X Roads—Is in peace; expresses coldness. D. J. Ray is Supply.

Mount Sinai—Nothing special; is in peace. Elder D. J. Ray is Supply.

Mount Zion—Has experienced little change; the Word has been faithfully preached. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

Pleasant Hill—Nothing interesting. Elder D. N. Gore is Supply.

Pleasant Plains—Is in good order; 7 added by Baptism. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

Porter Swamp—Is in good order; no change. Elder G. W. Hill is Supply.

Seven Creeks—No material change; is in peace and harmony; has enjoyed the labors of Elder R. F. Marlow. No Pastor.

White Marsh—Has been under the necessity of exercising strict discipline with some of its members; has experienced some refreshing seasons; 19 added by Baptism. Elder C. T. Anderson is Supply.

Western Prong—Nothing important; is in good order. Elder G. W Hill is Supply.

Beaver Dam, (Bladen)—Has been prevented from holding meetings from December until July, from the prevalence of small pox in the neighborhood; complains of coldness. Elder H. McAlpin is Pastor.

Hickory Grove—Has good and attentive congregations; 11 added by Baptism. E. D. Johnson is Supply.

Paradise—Is in an encouraging condition. Elder D. J. Ray is Supply. Also enjoyed the labors of J. M. Register, (Licentiate.)

Shady Grove—Nothing special. Elder James Cashwell is Supply.

Shiloh—Nothing important. No Pastor.

White Lake—Has experienced some glorious meetings, in which the Lord has graciously revived His work; 11 added by Baptism. Has had a very encouraging meeting of days, participated in by Elders Sessums, Martin and N. Mercer, a Licentiate. No Pastor.

White Oak—Mourns the loss of her Pastor, Elder W. B. Bullard, but rejoices in the blessing of God; has monthly Prayer Meetings and a Sabbath School. No Pastor.

Bethel—Nothing important. Elder D. B. Ayres is Supply.

Bryan's Chapel—Is experiencing a revival; 12 added by Baptism. Elder C. T. Anderson is Supply. Has also enjoyed the labors of Elder J. P. Lennon.

Cheerful Hope—Mourns the loss of her former Pastor, Elder G. W. Lennon, and other esteemed Brethren; has experienced a revival; 12 added by Baptism. Elder J. P. Lennon is Supply.

Mount Pisgah—Requests assistance in a difficulty between the Church and its Pastor, Elder John Harrelson. Has enjoyed the labors of B. G. Sellers, a Licentiate.

New Britain—Complains of passing through some cloudy seasons; mourns the loss of some who have turned aside from the faith; but has had some increase to their numbers by Baptism.

Bear Swamp—Laments the loss of her Pastor, Elder William Ayres, and several other esteemed Brethren. Elder Noel Bullock is Supply.

Piney Grove—Nothing interesting; is in peace; brotherly love abounds. Elder N. Bullock is Supply. Has also enjoyed the labors of D. Phillips, a Licentiate.

Spring Branch—Complains of being in a cold and barren condition. Elder D. N. Gore is Supply.

Whiteville—Is in a prosperous condition. Elder C. T. Anderson is Pastor.

Sandy Plains—Is in good order; is in peace and harmony, with considerable accessions by Baptism. Elder D. J. Ray is Supply.

## *REPORT of G. W. Hill, Treasurer.*

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| **Dr.** | G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in account with the Cape Fear Baptist Association. | | |
| | To amount sent up by the Churches for A. F., | | $175 25 |
| | To collection on Sabbath for Colportage, | | 96 90 |
| | To amount sent up by the Churches for A. Colp., | | 390 50 |
| | To amount of individual contributions, | | 287 50 |
| | | | $950 15 |
| **Cr.** | By amount paid for printing Minutes, | $127 15 | |
| | By amount allowed Clerk for services, | 50 00 | |
| | By amount paid Elder N. B. Cobb,* | 773 00 | |
| | | | $950 15 |
| **Dr.** | G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in account with the Domestic Missionary Board. | | |
| | To amount received from former Treasurer, | | $126 53 |
| | To amount received from Committee of Finance, | | 460 65 |
| | To amount acknowledged by P. C. Connelly, | | 37 50 |
| | | | $624 68 |
| **Cr.** | By amount paid Elder D. N. Gore, | $255 00 | |
| | By amount paid Elder P. C. Connelly, | 75 00 | |
| | By amount paid Travelling expenses, | 6 00 | |
| | | | $336 00 |
| | Balance in hands of Treasurer, | | 288 68 |
| | | | $624 68 |

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| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. |
|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | |
| Ashpole, | P C CONNELLY, A R PITMAN, Joseph Thompson, |
| Antioch, | John Israel, Eli Wishart, John Warwick, |
| Back Swamp, | D D Gunn, L W Thompson, E D JOHNSON, |
| Big Branch, | James P Barnes, Moses Warwick, Giles Williams, |
| Lumberton, | B Freeman, H T Pope, Charles Ivey, |
| Mount Eliam, | J R Stone, *ISHAM STONE, Everett Phillips, |
| Pleasant Grove, | NORMAN MARTIN, Eli Bullock, L T Andrews; |
| Raft Swamp, | James P Davis, F PREVATT, *H Prevatt, |
| Zion Tabernacle, | *Noah Mercer*, H B Howell, James A Rozier, |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | |
| Beaver Dam, | *David Neely, *William J Standley, Everett Hinson, |
| Cherry Grove, | Everett Strickland, *Bethel Buffkin, Asa Strickland, |
| Cross Roads, | H LENNON, J E Lennon, Francis Lennon, |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | A M Gore, Bethel Long, *Samuel Gerrald, |
| Macedonia, | Not represented. Total 1862, |
| Mount Moriah, | Not represented. |
| Mount Sinai, | *Z BULLOCK, A Hinson, Joshua Harrelson, |
| Mount Zion, | D J RAY, Thomas Barefoot, Calvin Jones, |
| Pleasant Hill, | Thomas Thompson, William T Frink, R D Best, |
| Pleasant Plains, | G W HILL, *J H M Standley, J W Mears, |
| Porter Swamp, | A F Powell, John Frink, D F Williamson, |
| Seven Creeks, | *R F Marlow*, *James Long, |
| Sandy Plains, | William Vause, Pinckney Vause, |
| White Marsh, | John Creach, *James Creach, B S Jones, |
| Western Prong, | J C Powell, Amos High, Richard Woolon, |
| Whiteville, | C T ANDERSON, J R KELLY, D N GORE, |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | |
| Beaver Dam, | *G T Melvin, *Joab Smith*, *D B Melvin, |
| Hickery Grove, | R M SESSUMS, Ewen Johnson, Allen Edwards, |
| Paradise, | *James M Register* *William Wilson, Sion Collum, |
| Shady Grove, | JAMES CASHWELL, Shadrach Thompson, Wm Davis, |
| Shiloh, | John Monroe, Peter Monroe, N Cashwell, |
| White Lake, | D H Mashburn, James Carroll, E Melvin, |
| White Oak. | W S Melvin, *Ed Martin*, A Martin. |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | |
| Bethel, | By Letter. |
| Beulah, | †Not represented Total in 1859, |
| Bryan's Chapel, | William A Robbins, Dr A H Robbins, J P LENNON, |
| Cheerful Hope, | Thomas Rogers, *Luke Hilborn, J B Ellis, |
| Friendship, | Not represented. Total in 1860, |
| Mill Creek, | Not represented. Total in 1858, |
| Mount Pisgah, | Elisha Sellers, |
| New Britain, | D B AYRES, *JOEL BENNETT, |
| Shallotte, | Not represented. Total in 1859, |
| Union, | Not represented. Total in 1860, |
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | |
| Orange Street, | A P REPITON. Total in 1862, |
| MARION DISTRICT, S. C. | |
| Bear Swamp, | N BULLOCK, E B Ford, T W Ayres, |
| Piney Grove, | E Scott, James H Hays, W H Harrelson, |
| HORRY DISTRICT, S. C. | |
| Honey Camp, | Not represented. Total in 1860, |
| Lebanon, | Not represented. Total in 1860, |
| Little River, | Not represented. Total in 1859, |
| Salem, | Not represented. Total in 1859, |
| Spring Branch, | H Enzor, J M McGougan, C W Williamson, |
| Spring Field, | Not represented. Total in 1862, |
| Piney Grove, | Not represented. Total in 1860, |
| United Churches, | Not represented. Total in 1860, |

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†**Association Fund by D Stansland.**

| Baptized. | Rec. by Let | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Blacks. | Total. | Ass'n Fund |
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## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICE. |
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| Anderson, C. T. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Ayres, D. B. | Gaddysville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Bennett, Joel | Cool Run, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Bullock, Noel | Floydsville, Marion District, S. C. |
| Bullock, Zadock | Fair Bluff, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond County, N. C. |
| Gore, D. N. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Hill, G. W. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Harrelson, John | Shallotte, Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Johnson, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Lennon, J. P. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Martin, Norman | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Pitman, A. R. | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Repiton, A. P. | Wilmington, New Hanover County, N. C. |
| Sessums, R. M. | Bryan's Swamp, Bladen County, N. C. |
| Stone, Isham | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Martin, M. R. | Blanton's X Roads, Horry District, S. C. |

## LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES.

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| Marlow, R. F. | Little, Horry District, S. C. |
| Martin, Edward | White Oak P. O., Bladen County, N. C. |
| Mercer, Noah | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Register, J. M. | Westbrook's, Bladen County, N. C. |
| Sellers, B. G. | Shallotte, Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Stevens, Needham | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Smith, Ezekiel | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Mints, W. M. | Shallotte, Brunswick County, N. C. |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# SIXTIETH SESSION

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT BACK SWAMP,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 1864.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.:
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# MINUTES.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1864.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. N. Gore, from Gal., 5th chap., 1st verse: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage." At the conclusion, prayer was offered by Elder C. T. Anderson.

After an intermission of 15 minutes, the delegates assembled. The Moderator of the last session being absent, Elder F. Prevatt was called to the chair for the time being, who proceeded to open the exercises by reading the 46th Psalm. Prayer was offered by Elder R. M. Sessom.

Appointed Elders A. R. Pitman, C. T. Anderson, and Brethren J. Monroe, J. W. Gore and E. Johnson, a Committee of Finance.

Elder Z. Bullock was called upon to occupy the stand.

Elder F. A. Belcher was appointed assistant clerk.

The church letters were called for and read, and the names of the Delegates enrolled. Elder F. Prevatt was elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer. Extended an invitation to Corresponding Messengers, whe reupon, Elder B. F. Jessup, from the Cedar Creek Association, came forward and received the right hand of fellowship, and was welcomed to a seat.

A letter of correspondence was read and received from the Pee Dee Association.

The following Committees were appointed:

To supply the stand—Jas. A. Rosier, J. Monroe and Jacob Thompson.

On Ministerial Examination—Elders F. A. Belcher, C. T. Anderson, F. Prevatt, D. N. Gore and G. W. Hill.

On Colportage—Elders F. A. Belcher, B. F. Jessup and Wm. S. Melvin.

On Periodicals—Elders F. A. Belcher, C. T. Anderson and E. Johnson.

On Special Changes—Elders B. Freeman, E. B. Ford, Joseph Thompson, and Elder C. T. Anderson.

On Arrangements—Elders F. Prevatt, A. R. Pitman, G. W. Hill, and Brethren B. Freeman and J. A. Rosier.

On Sabbath Schools—Elder F. A. Belcher, and Brethren B. Freeman and J. A. Rosier.

To appoint Corresponding Messengers—Elder A. R. Pitman, and Brethren W. S. Melvin and J. Monroe.

An invitation was extended to newly constituted churches to connect themselves with this Association, whereupon a petition was presented from the Church at Sweet Home, Columbus County, N.C. Which, after a satisfactory investigation, as to the orthodoxy of said Church, was unanimously received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the Delegates.

It was agreed to adopt the resolution of last Association, setting apart a half hour each day for prayer in behalf of the country.

Adjourned until 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Brother R. F. Marlow.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 22nd.

The Moderator proceeded to open the exercises by reading the scriptures. Prayer was offered in behalf of the country, respectively, by Elders Ayres and Jessup.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements was read and made the order of the day.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding Messengers.

Brother Daniel Monroe, from the Pee Dee Association, came forward and accepted a seat.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The Association came in session.

The invitation to Corresponding Messengers was renewed, and Brethren D. W. McGougan and D. B. McGougan, from the Cedar Creek Association, came forward and were cordially received.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Bear Swamp, Marion District, S. C., commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1865. Elder C. T. Anderson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder A. R. Pitman alternate: Elder F. A. Belcher to preach the 12 o'clock Sermon, and Elder H. Lennon alternate.

*The Committee appointed to visit the Mount Pisgah Church was called upon to report.

Elder G. W. Hill stated that he and Elder D. N. Gore had visited said Church, agreeable to the direction of the Association, but that a majority of the Committee failing to meet, nothing had been done; whereupon Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill and D. N. Gore were re-appointed to visit the Mount Pisgah Church and endeavor to settle the existing difficulty.

The Report of the Committee of Finance was received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to E. J. Hale & Sons $50 00, the balance due for printing the Minutes of last year.

Agreed that the Clerk be allowed $100 00, for his services.

The report on Periodicals was read, and, after some interesting remarks by Elder Belcher, a handsome subscription was taken up for the "Biblical Recorder" and "Child's Index," and the Report ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Ordered—that the Committee of Finance pay over the funds in hand to the Treasurer.

Adjourned to Monday morning 9 1-2 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder G. W. Hill.

### Sabbath Morning, October 23rd.

Elder C. T. Anderson delivered a sermon on the authenticity of the New Testament, from 2nd Thess: 3rd chap., 17th verse.

Elder F. A. Belcher followed, and preached the Missionary Sermon, founded on Mark, 16th chap., 15th—16th verses, and Matt., 28th chap., 21st verse.

At the close a collection was taken up, amounting to $336 16.

Elder D. N. Gore preached the evening sermon, from Rev., 3rd chap., 20th verse. In the conclusion, special prayer was offered in behalf of the country by Elder G. W. Hill.

The congregation was large and attentive, and seriousness appeared to pervade the entire audience.

### Monday Morning, October 24th.

The services were introduced by the Moderator, who read the 3rd chap. of 1st John. Prayer was offered, respectively, by Elders Pitman and Anderson.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. The Report was made the order of the day.

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*Note.—Elders G. W. Hill and D. N. Gore subsequently visited said Church and the difficulty was happily adjusted.

The Minutes were read and corrected.

The Corresponding letter from Cedar Creek Association was presented by Elder B. F. Jessup, which was read and received.

Adjourned for a meeting of the Board.

The Association came in session.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read and received.

The Committee appointed to select Corresponding Messengers reported. The report was received.

The Report on Special Changes was also received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Agreed to have as many copies of the Minutes printed as the funds in hand will allow.

Ordered that the funds sent by the churches for Army Colportage, with the amount of Sabbath Collection, be paid over to Elder Haynes Lennon, in order to be forwarded to Elder N. B. Cobb, at Goldsboro N. C.

The Report on Ministerial Examination was read and received.

*Resolved*, That we request Elder H. Lennon to pay over the amount of the funds remaining in his hands, belonging to the Colportage and Publication Society, to Elder D. N. Gore, who is requested to apply the same in the purchase of Southern Publications, and act as Colporteur in his Missionary labors.

The Report on Army Colportage was read and received.

Elder A. R. Pitman reported that he had spent one month's service in the Army, as Colporteur, gratuitously.

It was agreed to raise the amount for Army Colportage to $1000 00 by individual contribution. A collection was then taken up amounting to $355 66, increasing the Colportage fund to $1012 62.

Agreed that all unfinished business be referred to Elders H. Lennon and G. W. Hill.

Appointed the following brethren Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Elders A. P. Repiton, Haynes Lennon, P. C. Connelly, C. T. Anderson, D. N. Gore, J. P. Lennon, G. W. Hill, and Brethren R. M. McRackan, J. M. McGougan, A. F. Powell, F. Lennon, Joseph Thompson and B. Freeman.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

F. PREVATT, *Moderator*.

G. W. HILL, *Clerk*.

Elder F Prevatt the Moderator of this Session is still living 1886. this is the only year he filled this position -

# PROCEEDINGS

### OF THE

# DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd.

The Board was organized by electing Elder F. Prevatt chairman, and re-electing Elder G. W. Hill Secretary and Treasurer.

B. Freeman, Jno. Monroe, and Elder C. T. Anderson were appointed Committee of Finance.

The funds sent up by the churches were paid in and individual contributions received.

The following persons were made life members: Elders A. R. Pitman, D. N. Gore, F. A. Belcher, G. W. Hill, C. T. Anderson, and brethren D. Coleman, D. J. Smith, E. W. Harrelson, Moses Hewitt, R. J. Long, A. M. Gore and J. W. Gore.

The Report of Elder D. N. Gore was read and orderded to be appended to the Minutes.

Elders A.R. Pitman, F. A. Belcher, and Brother Jno. Monroe were appointed to engage the services of Missionaries, who after retiring for consultation, reported that they had engaged the services of Elder D. N. Gore as Missionary for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of the Board be requested to meet quarterly during the ensuing year, and that the first meeting be held at the Cross Roads Church, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in Jan., 1865.

*Resolved*, That the churches composing this Association be requested to send up quarterly contributions to the Executive Committee, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Missionaries, and that the Missionaries be solicited to take up quarterly contributions for the same purpose instead of annual.

It was agreed that the Missionaries be allowed $10 00 per day for the first quarter, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to pay the balance at the same rate in proportion to the fluctuation of the currency.

Appointed Elder H. Lennon, and Brethren F. Lennon, R. M. McRackan, Ewen Johnson, and J. C. Powell an Executive Committee of the Board.

The Committee of Finance was ordered to pay over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the amount due the Missionaries according to the rates allowed.

Adjourned to Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24th.

The Board came in session.

Appointed Elder C. T. Anderson and brother Jno. Monroe an Auditing Committee.

The Report of Elder J. P. Lennon was read and received.

Ordered that the Treasurer be instructed to sell the certificate for monies funded in his hands, for cash.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was called for and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Ordered that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board adjourned.

F. PREVATT, *Chairman.*

G. W. HILL, *Secretary.*

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT OF ELDER D. N. GORE.

*Dear Brethren*:—Through the tender mercies of God, I am once more permitted to submit my Report as your Missionary. And while so doing, I would beg leave to state, that I have endeavored to perform the work assigned me at your last Association. I have visited the following unrepresented churches, viz: Beaver Dam, Mount Sinai and Macedonia. Also, Honey Camp, Lebanon, Springfield, United Churches, Little River, Beulah, Friendship, Shallotte and Mount Pisgah—besides quite a number of destitute Churches and Stations. I have had great reason to rejoice, notwithstanding the many sorrows through which I have had to pass. I have met with anxious friends at every Station on my mission, who have at every opportunity acted the good Samaritan's part; always expressing joy at my coming and regret at our parting. O! that the Gracious Lord would bless them and send the gospel of his dear Son, in its purity, amongst them.

I have traveled for the Board one hundred and eighty days, including rest days; have preached two hundred and forty-seven sermons, and have received and baptized one hundred and thirty eight persons. I have aided in constituting two Churches, and have succeeded in holding an annual Conference and securing a representation from most of the unrepresented Churches of last year, besides leaving a very pleasant state of affairs in the Churches I have visited. I have also disposed of some very good denominational books during the past year. And now, dear Brethren, in conclusion, I would call your attention particularly to the churches in Horry District, S. C., and in Brunswick County, N. C., as actually needing a regular Missionary with them, hoping that in your good judgment you will make provision for them.

I have received at Mount Pisgah, from the Church, $73 00, and from individuals $40 00. And now may the God of Love and Peace be with you all, is the prayer of your humble servant.

Respectfully Submitted.

D. N. GORE.

## REPORT OF ELDER J. P. LENNON.

Dear Brethren; Through the request of a portion of the Executive Committee, I consented to visit a portion of the destitute churches in Brunswick County; but, owing to other engagements, I was permitted to devote but a small share of my time to that work. I commenced my labors on Saturday before the second Sabbath in June, 1864, and traveled sixteen days; received 19 on Christian experience, and baptized 17 persons. Expenses nothing. I also spent 4 days on Bald Head Island, with the soldiers, and preached four sermons to them. Dear Brethren: Permit me, in conclusion, to tender my thanks to the Board for the confidence placed in me, and the kind notice taken of my humble labors in the Redeemer's cause. Which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. LENNON.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EXAMINATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the examinations of Candidates for the Ministry, would beg leave to report, that they have examined Brothers R. F. Marlow and Daniel Boyd, on their call to the Ministry and other essential qualifications, and take pleasure in recommending them to their respective Churches for ordination. We have also examined Brethren Noah Mercer and Jas. M. Register, and while we are satisfied as to their christian experience and call to the Ministry, and also pleased in the progress they have made in christian knowledge, we would respectfully recommend them to progress in their studies another year, in order that they may obtain greater maturity in the Ministry.

Respectfully Submitted.

COMMITTEE.

## REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

The Committee to whom this subject was referred, fully aware of its present magnitude and importance, feel their incompetency to submit a report such as it now demands. Embarrassed too by the absence of definite statistics, the Report will necessarily be incomplete. As the subject of Colportage at home has been swallowed up, as it were, by that of Army Colportage, it is of more importance that we confine this report to the latter. During the last Associational year, about 25,000 Bibles and Testaments have been gratuitously distributed, besides 17,000 Hymn Books, and many hundred thousand pages of Tracts and Religious Newspapers. The supply of these last has been totally inadequate to the demand, such is the desire of the soldier for religious reading matter. There are still on hand a few Bibles, but no Testaments. There are also a goodly number of Hymn Books and many pages of Tracts ready for distribution. Over $50,000 have been contributed by the people of the State, this year, for this purpose. Upwards of thirty Missionaries and Colporteurs have been sent out, three of whom have gone out for a short time from this Association. While it is a source of much gratification to know that so much has been done, there is still before us much to do, and of such a nature as to awaken every energy. The Board still needs large supplies of money and books, which they must have in order to successfully prosecute this glorious work. What they need most at present is *men—Missionaries—Colporteurs*—those who *will* go, and *stay* and work. As an Association, and as Christians, we are called upon to aid in a subject that has been blessed of God to the conversion of over 100,000 of our Brethren since the opening of this dreadful war. Friends, Countrymen, Brethren, who will *give?* who will *go?*

Respectfully Submitted.

F. A. BELCHER, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee are literally without *dates* (from the Association at least) for a report. But four or five letters of all that have come up from the Churches, say anything at all about Sabbath Schools, and these are of recent origin. We have to report, first, that there are few Sabbath Schools in the Association, but great need of them everywhere; secondly, but very few persons can be induced to attend them. Thirdly, there is great want of books suitable for carrying them on to advantage. In view of the first and second facts, we recommend to Pastors of Churches the practice of preaching often to the youth of their charges, such Sermons as are suitable to their capacities; and at the same time urge the members of their Churches to engage in the holy duty of teaching in the Sabbath School, and see that there is a Sabbath School in every community. In reference to the last fact, we are happy to state, that we have a Publication Board in our own State that is self sustaining, and can now furnish all the books required to carry on this heaven-blest institution. Rev. F. A. Belcher is now the agent of the Board for this Association, from whom books may be procured for the present.

We recommend, however, that the Missionary of the Association be requested to purchase the books of the Board and supply every Church with all they may need. Let every Minister and lay member go home with the determination to report a prosperous Sabbath School in his own vicinity, at our next meeting. Brethren, wait not to be told this is your duty. Go enjoy it as a precious privilege to teach your own children the way to Heaven.

Respectfully Submitted.

F. A. BELCHER, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Religious Newspaper is a silent yet punctual and powerful Preacher. The inclemency of the weather hinders not its periodical visits, and in its silent manner of preaching there is a power unknown to the usual orations from the pulpit. Besides, it is a source of information generally, without which no man can keep pace with the religious world. Such Christians as read no religious periodicals of any kind, seldom read the Bible, and, as a consequence, are puny dwarfs in the army of the Redeemer.

Again, they are a source of incalculable good to a family of children, filling at the same time the positions of teacher and preacher to them. No papers now published in the Confederacy are better suited to the wants of both the young and the aged, than the Bibical Recorder, published by Rev. J. D. Hufham, Raleigh, N. C., and the Child's Index, published by S. Boykin, Macon, Geo.

We would therefore, respectfully recommend every christian man to provide himself with the above named papers, and as many others besides as he may wish.

Respectfully Submitted.

F. A. BELCHER *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES. *

It becomes the painful duty of your Committee to bring to the notice of this body, the demise of two of our Brethren in the Ministry, since our last session, to wit; Elders Noah Bullock and John R. Kelly.

Brother Bullock made a profession of religion when a young man, and attached himself to the Church at Bear Swamp, at which place he continued his membership to the time of his death. Some time after he became a member of the church, he became impressed with the great importance of warning others to flee from the "Wrath to come."

The Church approved his course and licensed him to preach. He labored faithfully and zealously for several years, in the capacity of a licensed Minister, when he was ordained to the full work of the gospel Ministry; and although he did not possess talents of the highest order, yet his christian walk and orderly deportment was such as to make him quite an acceptable Minister wherever he dispensed his labors. He was naturally possessed of an uncommon smooth temper and an even disposition; his moral character was unimpeachable, and his religious course was such as to make him a pattern of piety. He was eminently gifted in prayer, and we confidently believe that he is now chanting the praises of God and the Lamb.

** Brother John R. Kelly was a native of Columbus County, N. C., and we are happy to say that his morals were of the most exemplary character, He entered Wake Forest College as a student, in the year 1855, and graduated with distinction in 1860. Soon after he entered College he connected himself with the Church, probably in 1855, and soon became impressed with the high obligations of preaching the everlasting Gospel. After he graduated, he was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, by Professors Wingate, Walters and others. From the position he held as a Minister he was exempt from military service, but from an ardent love for his country, when the South was invaded by the North, he volunteered his services, raised a company and went into the Confederate service as Captain, and served his country faithfully until declining health compelled him to retire. From the exposure of camp life he contracted or rather the disease became so deeply seated as to be rendered incurable; but from a hope of gaining some temporary relief in a more salubrious climate, he went to the State of Florida, where his mortal career was ended in February last, by the lingering but fatal disease of consumption, when he had just entered the 27th year of his age. The gifts and qualifications of Brother Kelly were such as to raise our expectations very high in regard to his future usefulness. But it has pleased our Heavenly Father that his labors should cease, and it becomes us to meekly submit and say, "Thy will be done."

Brethren, these dispensations of Divine Providence call from us renewed and earnest prayer for more laborers in the Lord's Vineyard.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO SELECT DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the selection of Delegates to corresponding Associations, submit the following report:

*N B ** Bro K married a daughter
of R M McRackan

To Cedar Creek—Elder E. D. Johnson, and Brethren E. Martin and W. S. Melvin ; Brother Melvin to write the letter.

Union—Elders A. P. Repiton and H. Lennon, and Brother W. S. Melvin. Elder Lennon to write the letter.

Welsh Neck—Elders C. T. Anderson, A. R. Pitman, F. A. Belcher. Elder Anderson to write the letter.

Pee Dee—Elders P. C. Connelly and N. Martin, and Brother Joseph Thompson. Elder Connelly to write the letter.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. R. PITMAN, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE OF THE CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Associational funds, report three hundred and thirty-five dollars and thirty-five cents received from the Churches for the Minute fund.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. R. PITMAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee of Finance report two hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety-three cents sent up by the Churches for Army Colportage.

Respectfully Submitted.

C. T. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following as the amount of the funds of the Board, in hand, received from the Churches and individuals as follows :

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| Antioch | $25 00 | Western Prong | $28 66 |
| Ashpole | 31 00 | Spring Branch | 15 00 |
| Back Swamp | 10 00 | United Churches | 11 66 |
| Big Branch | 25 00 | Sweet Home | 55 50 |
| Lumberton | 9 00 | Bryan's Chapel | 50 00 |
| Mt. Eliam | 16 00 | Cheerful Hope | 20 00 |
| Raft Swamp | 17 40 | Z. Bullock | 6 00 |
| Cherry Grove | 15 00 | E. H. Todd | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads | 23 75 | A. F. Powell | 20 00 |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads | 13 50 | Ewen Johnson | 5 00 |
| Mt. Zion | 13 30 | John Monroe | 5 00 |
| Sandy Plains | 15 00 | Daniel Stanaland | 19 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 40 00 | Jesse Lancaster | 10 00 |
| Porter Swamp | 66 00 | W. H. Carver | 10 00 |
| Seven Creeks | 22 00 | James Phillips | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Plain | 41 00 | F. M. Galloway | 5 00 |
| White Marsh | 5 00 | G. W. Grissett | 5 00 |
| Whiteville | 60 00 | W. M. Mints | 9 00 |
| White Oak | 13 52 | J. W. Gore | 30 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 73 00 | | |
| Honey Camp | 35 00 | | $897 29 |
| Lebanon | 10 00 | | |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. T. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION, AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

ASHPOLE—Is represented as being in peace and harmony, and the cause of Christ gradually progressing ; has enjoyed the Pastoral services of Elder P. C. Connelly the past year ; also the labors of Elder D. B. Ayres, monthly, and engaged the services of Elder A. R. Pitman the ensuing year. Has a regular Prayer meeting. Five added by Baptism.

ANTIOCH—Has had the Gospel faithfully preached to large and attentive congregations. Elder H. Lennon, their present Pastor, has served them twenty-two years. Mourns the loss or some of its members in the Army; has a Bible Class, under the care of the Pastor, and a Sabbath School during a part of the year. Six added by Baptism.

BACK SWAMP—Back Swamp is under the care of Elder E. D. Johnson—has enjoyed a meeting of —— days, during which thirty-six were added to the Church.

LUMBERTON—Nothing Special. Has had the word faithfully and zealously preached to them— has been under the Pastoral care of Elder H. Lennon the past year.

MOUNT ELIAM—I. Stone is Pastor. Love and unanimity appear to abound.

PLEASANT GROVE—Expresses nothing interesting. Mourns the loss of some of their most active and promising members. Elder D. B. Ayres is Pastor.

RAFT SWAMP—Mourns the loss of some of their members—has orderly and attentive Congregations—has experienced a happy season of Divine Grace. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor. Ten added by Baptism.

BEAVER DAM—Nothing special. Has a regular Prayer meeting. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastoral Supply.

CHERRY GROVE—Is in a thriving condition—has had some cheering meetings—has been supplied with preaching by Elder D. N. Gore. Ten added by Baptism.

ZION'S TABERNACLE—Has been well supplied with preaching—complains of the absence of many of their Congregation in the Army. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

CROSS ROADS—Is in a healthy condition—has enjoyed a regular Gospel Ministry at the hands of their esteemed Pastor Elder H. Lennon. Fifteen added by Baptism.

IRON HILL CROSS ROADS—Is in a thriving condition—has experienced a gracious revival—has been supplied with preaching by the Missionary, Elder D. N. Gore, and engaged his services as Pastor, the ensuing year. Thirty-two added by Baptism.

HICKORY GROVE—Expresses nothing very cheering—has large and attentive congregations. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor. Seven added by Baptism.

MOUNT SINAI—Nothing special—are at peace among themselves. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

MOUNT ZION—Has experienced some good meetings—expresses cheering prospects—has a monthly prayer meeting. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor. Fifteen added by Baptism.

PLEASANT HILL—Has experienced an interesting meeting of —— days—has an encouraging Sabbath School in operation–has been under the Pastoral care of Elder G. W. Hill, the past year, and engaged the services of Elder D. N. Gore the ensuing. Nineteen added by Baptism.

PLEASANT PLAIN—Is in a prosperous condition—has exprienced a gradual revival through the greatest part of the year. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor. Forty-nine added by Baptism.

PORTER SWAMP—Has experienced a glorious refreshing from the presence of the Lord—has two flourishing Sabbath Schools and a Bible Class. Elder F. A. Belcher is Pastor. Thirty-five added by Baptism.

SEVEN CREEKS—Appears to have experienced a glorious revival. They have shared the labors of their Licentiate, R. F. Marlow, and Elder Daniel Phillips, and had occasional visits from Brother N. Stevens, a Licentiate. Fifty-four added by Baptism.

White Marsh—No material change—mourns the loss of some of their members by death. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor. Four added by Baptism.

Paradise—Rejoices in a glorious revival and a copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit—Has been under the Pastoral care of Elder D. J. Ray; and also enjoyed labors of their Licentiate, J. M. Register. Twenty-six added by Baptism.

Whiteville—No material change—mourns the loss of Elder J. R. Kelly. Elder C. T. Anderson is Pastor. Six added by Baptism.

Sandy Plains—Is in a prosperous condition. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor. Nine added by Baptism.

Shady Grove—Nothing interesting. Elder James Cashwell is Pastor.

Shiloh—Is rejoicing under an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Elder P. C. Connelly has labored for them a part of the year.

White Oak—Appears to be emerging from a long wintry season, and again begins to enjoy the refreshing beams of the Sun of Righteousness—has had an interesting meeting of —— days. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor. Seven added by Baptism.

Beulah—Nothing Special—they have been visited by the Missionary, Elder D. N. Gore, and R. F. Marlow. They have no Pastor.

Bryan's Chapel—Nothing interesting. Elder C. T. Anderson is Pastor—they have also enjoyed the labors of Elder J. P. Lennon monthly.

Cheerful Hope—Is in peace and harmony—Elder J. P. Lennon is Pastor.

Mount Pisgah—Is still destitute of a Pastor, and has but little preaching, with a serious difficulty existing in the Church.

Bear Swamp—Has had a regular increase in their numbers, during the greater part of the past year—Congregations large and attentive—mourns the loss of Elder Noel Bullock and other members of the Church. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor. Fifteen added by Baptism.

Shallotte—Has no Pastor—has been supplied with preaching by their Licentiate, W. M. Mints.

Honey Camp—Is in peace and union—has been visited by the Missionary—has no Pastor. Nine added by Baptism.

Lebanon—Appears to have experienced a pleasing revival. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor—has been visited by the Missionary, Elder D. N. Gore. Twenty-four added by Baptism.

Piney Grove (Marion District, S. C.,)—Mourns the loss of some of its members in the Army—has had a cheering revival—has been supplied with preaching by Elder D. Phillips. Thirty-eight added by Baptism.

Spring Branch—Is in peace and union—Elder C. T Anderson is Pastor. Ten added by Baptism.

United Churches—Appears to be in a very bad condition—has no Pastor—destitute of preaching, and difficulties existing among the members—has been visited by Elder D. N. Gore, the Missionary.

# REPORT OF G. W. HILL, TREASURER.

## G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in Account with the Cape Fear Baptist Association.

Dr.

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| To Amount sent up by the Churches, for A. F., - - - | $ 357 25 |
| To Collection on Sabbath, for Army Colportage, - - - | 336 16 |
| To Amount sent up by the Churches, for Army Colpt., - - | 287 13 |
| To Collection on Monday, for Army Colpt., - - - - | 355 66 |
| To Amount collected by Treasurer, for Army Colpt., - - | 17 49 |
| To Amount collected by Eld. H. Lennon, - - - - | 4 33 |
| | $ 1,358 02 |

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| By Amount forwarded to Eld. N. B. Cobb, - - - | $ 1,016 00 |
| By Amount allowed Clerk for services, - - - - - - | 100 00 |
| By Balance paid for printing Minutes of 1862, - - - | 50 00 |
| | $ 1,166 00 |
| Leaving a balance in hands of the Treasurer, in Confederate Currency, amounting to - - - - - - - | $ 192 02 |

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## G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in Account with the Domestic Missionary Board.

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| To Amount of Certificate of monies funded remaining on hand last year, - - - - - - - - - | $ 288 68 |
| To Amount received from Committee of Finance, - - | 897 29 |
| | $1,185 97 |

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| By Amount paid Eld. J. P. Lennon, - - - - - | $ 40 00 |
| By Amount paid Eld D. N. Gore, - - - - - - | 247 00 |
| By Am't pd. Eld. D. N. Gore, for services for 1st quarter, 1865, | 450 00 |
| | $ 737 00 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer, in Confederate Currency, - | $ 448 97 |

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptised | Rc'd by Letter. | Restored | Dismissed | Excluded | Dead | Blacks | Total | Army Colportage | Association Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole | *P. C. CONNELLY, A. R. PITTMAN, Jos. Thompson | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 134 | 284 | $ | $ 16 35 |
| Antioch | *J. W. Smith, J. Phillips, John Israel | 6 | 2 | | 1 | | 3 | 7 | 191 | | 10 05 |
| Back Swamp | H. G. Inman, J. L. Nance, Jacob Thompson | 32 | 5 | 7 | | | 5 | 50 | 195 | | 15 00 |
| Big Branch | Not represented. Total in 1863 | | | | | | | | 160 | | 11 00 |
| Lumberton | T. A. Norment, B. Freeman, Charles Ivey | 1 | 3 | | | 2 | | 13 | 67 | | 14 00 |
| Mt. Eliam | Jos Barnes, *S. Stone, John I. Stone | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 109 | | 7 75 |
| Pleasant Grove | NORMAN MARTIN, J. Humphrey, J. S. McCall | | | | 1 | | 4 | | 115 | 14 00 | 5 00 |
| Raft Swamp | F. PREVATT, J. P. Davis, H. Prevatt | 10 | | 4 | | 2 | 1 | | 106 | 56 00 | 7 00 |
| Zion's Tabernacle | J. A. Rosier, *N. Mercer*, *F. Allen | 1 | 1 | | | | 3 | | 69 | 15 00 | 5 00 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam | By Letter | 4 | | | | | 6 | | 111 | | 5 00 |
| Cherry Grove | *B. Buffking, Bithael Buffking, E. Strictling | 10 | 1 | | | | | 4 | 64 | | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads | *H. LENNON, John Ellis, James Lennon | 15 | | | 2 | 1 | 12 | 30 | 153 | 4 33 | 12 15 |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads | By Letter | 32 | | | 17 | | | 10 | 225 | | 5 25 |
| Macedonia | Not represented. Total in 1862 | | | | | | | | 63 | | |
| Mt. Moriah | Not represented | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Sinai | Z. BULLOCK, *E. Williams, *R. R. Hinson | 4 | | | | | | 12 | 77 | | 5 25 |
| Mt. Zion | By Letter | 15 | | 3 | | 2 | | 11 | 58 | | 6 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | D. N. GORE, *J. W. Gore*, W. S. Frink | 19 | 8 | 2 | | 1 | | 10 | 104 | | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Plain | G. W. HILL, **N. Stevens*, *J. W. Ellis | 49 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 57 | 184 | 27 00 | 16 00 |
| Porter Swamp | F. A. BELCHER, D. Coleman, C. J. Godwin | 35 | 3 | | | | 1 | | 156 | 87 00 | 16 00 |
| Seven Creeks | *R. F. Marlow*, *M. Williams, *James Jong | 54 | 4 | 5 | | 1 | | 13 | 107 | | 6 65 |
| Sandy Plains | By Letter | 9 | | | | 3 | | | 49 | | 5 00 |
| Sweet Home | D. J. Gore, *Jas. S. Ward, *J. G. Sowle | | | | | | | 3 | 37 | | 5 00 |
| White Marsh | *John Creach, M. Powell, B. S. Jones | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 80 | 144 | | 5 00 |
| Western Prong | Not represented. Total in 1863 | | | | | | | | 50 | | 6 00 |
| Whiteville | C. T. ANDERSON, *G. Pridgeon, *R. M. McRackan | 6 | 1 | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 34 | | 10 00 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove | R. M. SESSOM, E. Johnson, John Butler | 7 | | | | 4 | 2 | 24 | 152 | | 10 00 |

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| Paradise | *J. M. Register*, *D. Lambertson, T. Scurry | 26 | 1 | | | 3 | | 10 | 63 | | 5 00 |
| Shady Grove | *J. I. Thompson, *B. A. Thompson, JAS. CASHWELL | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 49 | | 10 00 |
| Shiloh | John Monroe | | | | | | | 50 | 126 | | 5 00 |
| White Lake | Not represented. Total in 1863 | | | | | | | | 77 | | 5 00 |
| White Oak | Wm. S. Melvin, *E. Martin*, *James Melvin | 7 | | 2 | | 6 | 1 | 2 | 54 | 51 30 | 10 00 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel | Not represented. Total in 1863 | | | | | | | | 37 | | |
| Beulah | By Letter | | | | | | 2 | 3 | 35 | | 4 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel | J. P. LENNON, A. H. Robins, W. A. Robins | 3 | 2 | | | | 2 | 8 | 34 | 11 00 | 20 00 |
| Cheerful Hope | James Jones, John B. Ellis | 4 | 3 | | | | | 5 | 64 | 21 50 | 20 00 |
| Friendship | Not represented. Total in 1860 | | | | | | | | 43 | | |
| Mill Creek | Not represented. Total in 1858 | | | | | | | | 54 | | |
| Mt. Pisgah | By Letter | 6 | | 3 | | 4 | 3 | 33 | 143 | | 8 00 |
| New Brittain | Not represented. Total in 1863 | | | | | | | | 109 | | |
| Shallotte | By Letter | | | | | | 2 | 11 | 59 | | 4 00 |
| Union | Not represented. Total in 1860 | | | | | | | | 22 | | |
| NEW HANOVER CO. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street | Not represented. Total in 1862 | | | | | | | | 141 | | |
| MARION DISTRICT. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp | E. B. Ford, *T. P. Watson, *M. Watson | 15 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 28 | 250 | | 16 30 |
| Piney Grove | Not represented. Total in 1863 | | | | | | | | 101 | | 6 00 |
| HORRY DISTRICT. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp | *R. C Powell, *A. Jurnigan, E. W. Harrelson | 9 | 1 | | 1 | | 20 | 37 | 72 | | 5 00 |
| Lebanon | *Daniel Boyd*, *F. Prince, *M. R. MARTIN | 24 | 3 | | 1 | | | | 54 | | 5 00 |
| Little River | Not represented. Total in 1859 | | | | | | | | 25 | | |
| Salem | Not represented. Total in 1859 | | | | | | | | 12 | | |
| Spring Branch | J. M. McGougan, *John Floyd, B. Fowler | 10 | | | | | 1 | 18 | 138 | | 6 00 |
| Springfield | Not represented. Total in 1862 | | | | | | | | 99 | | 5 00 |
| Piney Grove | J. H. Higgins, Wm. Anderson, A. Looper | 30 | 1 | | | | 5 | 17 | 123 | | 6 00 |
| United Churches | By Letter | | | | | | | 17 | 43 | | 4 50 |
| | | 452 | 49 | 39 | 40 | 45 | 101 | 716 | 5091 | $287 13 | $ 357 25 |

NOTE.—Delegates absent are designated by a star (*).

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Anderson, C. T. | Whiteville, Columbus county, N. C. |
| Ayres, D. B. | Gaddeysville, Robeson county, N. C. |
| Bennett, Joel | Cool Run, Brunswick " " |
| Bullock, Zadock | Fair Bluff, Columbus " " |
| Cashwell, James | Bladen county, N. C. |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond " " |
| Gore, D. N. | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Hill, G. W. | " " " " |
| Harrelson, John | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Johnson, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson " " |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus " " |
| Lennon, J. P. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick co.,N.C. |
| Martin, M. R. | Blanton's ⋈ Roads, Horry Dist., S C. |
| Martin, Norman | Leesville, Robeson county, N. C. |
| Pitman, A. R. | " " " " |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, " " " |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Repiton, A. P. | Wilmington, N. C. |
| Sessom, R. M. | Bryan's Swamp, Bladen co., N. C. |
| Stone, Isham | Lumberton, Robeson county, N. C. |

## LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Boyd, Daniel | Blanton's ⋈ Roads, Horry Dist., S. C. |
| Gore, J. W. | Whiteville, Columbus county, N. C. |
| Marlow, R. F. | Bug Hill, " " " |
| Martin, Edward | White Oak P. O., Bladen " " |
| Mears, John | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Mercer, Noah | Lumberton, Robeson " " |
| Mints, W. M. | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Register, J. M. | White's Creek, Bladen " " |
| Stevens, Needham | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Sellers, B. G. | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Smith, Ezekiel | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick co., N. C. |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# SIXTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT BEAR SWAMP,

MARION DISTRICT, S. C.

October 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 1865.

WILMINGTON, N. C.:
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# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1865.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. W. Norton, from 1st Cor., 3rd chap., 23rd verse: "And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." The theme: "The obligations Christians are under to Christ"—was delivered in a very clear and forcible manner.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Moderator of the last session being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, and Elder D. B. Ayres appointed Moderator for the time being.

The Moderator opened the proceedings with prayer.

Appointed Brethren John Monroe, J. W. Gore and Joshua Nance a Committee of Finance.

The Church letters were called for and read, and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

Elder D. B. Ayres was elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer, and Elder A. R. Pitman assistant Clerk.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Messengers, and visiting Brethren in the Ministry, whereupon Elder R. W. Norton came forward from the Charleston Association, and was cordially received as a visiting Brother.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following Committees, viz:

To supply the Stand—E. B. Ford, T. P. Watson and T. W. Ayres.

Committee of Vigilance—Joseph Page, E. S. Ayres, T. Page and B. Watson.

On Arrangements—Elders G. W. Hill and A. R. Pitman.

On Special Changes—J. M. McGougan and M. Powell.

On Colportage—Elder P. C. Connelly, and F. Lennon.

On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Ellis and J. M. McGougan.

On motion, it was agreed to spend half an hour, each day, in prayer for a revival of religion in the bounds of this Association.

Adjourned till to-morrow, half past 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder E. D. Johnson.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st.

The Association was opened with religious exercises, agreeable to the resolution of yesterday; Elder Prevatt leading in the services. Prayer was offered by Elders J. Allen and D. N. Gore.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements was called for, and made the order of the day.

Extended an invitation to newly constituted Churches to connect with this body.

Petitions were presented from two newly constituted Churches in Horry District, S. C., viz: Bug Swamp and Bethlehem. After satisfactory inquiries in regard to the orthodoxy of said Churches, they were unanimously received, and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

The invitation to Corresponding Messengers and Visiting Brethren was renewed; whereupon Brethren D. Monroe and Daniel Monroe, from the Pee Dee Association, came forward with a letter. Also, Elder J. Allen, and John Rogers, from the Welsh Neck, and D. W. McGougan, from the Cedar Creek, with a letter, who received the right hand of fellowship, and were cordially welcomed to seats.

Called the names of the Delegates, and corrected the list.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Ashpole, Robeson county, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1866.

Elder C. T. Anderson to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder G. W. Hill, Alternate.

Elder D. N. Gore to preach the 12 o'clock Sermon on Sabbath, and Elder H. Lennon, Alternate.

Appointed B. Freeman, G. Williams and J. A. Rosier to select Corresponding Messengers.

Appointed J. M. McGougan to write the Corresponding Letter to the Pee Dee Association, B. Freeman to the Cedar Creek, J. W. Ellis to the Welsh Neck, and E. D. Johnson to the Union.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The Association came in session.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

SABBATH, OCTOBER 22nd.

The weather was delightful.

Elder G. W. Hill preached the morning sermon, from the 3d chap., 1st verse, of the 1st Epistle of John: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." The principal theme was the distinguishing love of God in adoption.

Elder R. W. Norton followed, and preached the 12 o'clock Sermon, from * * * * * * * * on the atonement. The subject was handled in a plain and easy style, and beautifully illustrated by appropriate and convincing arguments, while the hearts of Christians were made to burn within them, as the beauties of a full and complete atonement were brought to view by the clear and logical reasoning with which they were presented to a large and attentive congregation.

Elder Joel Allen preached the evening sermon, from Matt., 16th chap., 26th verse: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul! or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul!" He appealed in a very earnest and pathetic manner to the audience, on the solemn and weighty considerations connected with this passage of Holy Writ.

A collection was taken up in aid of Domestic Missions, at the close of the second sermon, amounting to $39 38.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd.

The religious services were conducted by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Elder Z. Bullock and Bro. John Monroe.

Called the list of Churches and Delegates.

Extended an invitation to Visiting and Corresponding Brethren, when Brother J. B. Timmons, from the Welsh Neck Association, came forward, and was welcomed to a seat.

The following resolutions were passed:

*Resolved*, That the Resolution passed by this Association, in the year 1843, requesting the Churches to send up candidates for the ministry, for examination, to this body, be rescinded.

*Resolved*, That, in order to prevent, so far as practicable, the injudicious ordination of ministers in the bounds of this Association, maintain unanimity among the Churches, and elevate the dignity and efficiency of the Ministerial Office, an Ordaining Presbytery, of the most judicious and efficient ministers of this body, be appointed, who shall visit the Churches having candidates for the ministry, (when called upon,) and proceed to examine and ordain to the Gospel ministry, those whom, in their judgment, they shall consider suitable subjects for the ministry.

A concurrence of a majority of said Presbytery shall be considered necessary for action.

*Resolved, further*, That we do respectfully recommend the Churches in this Association, having candidates for the ministry, to call said Presbytery, and abide by their instructions and decisions.

*Resolved*, That we respectfully recommend those Churches who have sent up candidates for examination and ordination, to this session, to call said Presbytery to the performance of their request.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon, D. B. Ayres, C. T. Anderson, G. W. Hill and A. R. Pitman an Ordaining Presbytery.

The following Reports were received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes:

Committee of Finance.
Committee to Select Corresponding Messengers.
Report on Colportage.
Report on Special Changes.
Report on Sabbath Schools.

The manuscript copy of last year's Minutes having been destroyed in the burning of the office of E. J. Hale & Sons, by Gen. Sherman's army, before they were printed, it was ordered that they be retranscribed, and 1200 copies of this and last year's Minutes be printed and published in the same volume.

The following Brethren were appointed Delegates to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, viz.: Elders H. Lennon, C. T. Anderson, A. P. Repiton, G. W. Hill, and Brethren T. F. Toon, R. M. McRackan, J. M. McGougan, W. S. Melvin, D. F. Williamson and F. Lennon.

Ordered, that the Clerk be allowed $40 for transcribing and superintending the printing of the Minutes.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon, D. J. Ray and G. W. Hill to visit the Mount Moriah and other unrepresented Churches, as it may be convenient for them, in order to take into consideration the possibility of resuscitating those Churches.

Ordered, that the Committee of Finance pay the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, the amount of the Sabbath collections.

Elders H. Lennon and G. W. Hill were appointed the Executive Committee of the Association, to whom all unfinished business was referred.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due, and hereby tendered, to the members of the Bear Swamp Church, and citizens in the vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this body, and to the Moderator and Clerk, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

The Delegates then retired to the stand, where the concluding exercises were closed in the usual manner.

D. B. AYRES, *Moderator*.

G. W. HILL, *Clerk*.

This was the only session in which Elder Ayres presided

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st.

The Board came in session—Elder F. Prevatt in the Chair.

Appointed J. W. Gore, J. Monroe and Joshua Nance a Committee of Finance.

Elder C. T. Anderson was elected Chairman, and Elder G. W. Hill Secretary and Treasurer.

Elder D. N. Gore having been called on, made a verbal report, stating that he had travelled about 45 days during the first quarter of the past year, after which the Missionary operations had been discontinued by the direction of the Board.

The following proceedings were then read:

"BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

LUMBERTON, N. C., FEBRUARY 27th, 1865.

The President called a special meeting of the Board, the following members being present, viz: Furney Prevatt, President, Joseph Thompson, John Monroe, John B. Thompson, Jesse Phillips, J. L. Nance, Haynes Lennon and B. Freeman.

The Secretary not being present, Elder H. Lennon was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Elder H. Lennon stated that Elder D. N. Gore had travelled, up to the end of the first quarter, forty-five days.

Ordered, that G. W. Hill, Treasurer, pay to D. N. Gore, Missionary, the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, together with what time that has been rendered since the 14th of Jan., at the rate of ten dollars per day.

It was unanimously agreed to suspend further operations by our Missionaries, until the President shall deem it advisable to convene the Board in Special Session.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President and Secretary.

FURNEY PREVATT, *Chairman.*

H. LENNON, *Secretary pro tem.*"

Elder D. N. Gore stated that Elder Z. Bullock had performed some missionary labor in Horry District, at his request, but that he considered himself responsible to Brother Bullock for the labor performed. Elder Bullock was called on to make a statement of the amount of labor performed. After hearing his report, it was agreed to accept the labor performed as missionary service, and that Elder Bullock be allowed one dollar and a quarter per day for the time he travelled, and he was requested to make a written report.

Appointed J. Monroe, F. Lennon, R. M. McRackan, A. R. Pitman and W. S. Melvin a Committee to engage the services of Missionaries for the ensuing year.

Agreed that the Missionaries be allowed one dollar and a half per day for the ensuing year.

The Board adjourned to Monday.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd.

The Report of the Committee of Finance was called for, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

The Committee appointed to engage the services of Missionaries, reported that they had not been able to secure Missionaries for the ensuing year.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, C. T. Anderson, J. M. McGougan and F. Lennon an Executive Committee.

The Report of Elder Z. Bullock was received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes, and the Treasurer ordered to pay him the balance due for services as Missionary.

Elder Daniel Boyd, and W. H. Hamilton were made life members of the Board.

Ordered that the funds in hand be paid to the Treasurer.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board adjourned.

C. T. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

G. W. HILL, *Secretary.*

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT OF ELDER Z. BULLOCK.

Dear Brethren:—As it is requested by the Board that I should make a Report of the labors performed by me as a Missionary, I would beg leave to make the following statement:

From the commencement of my travelling, I met with such large congregations, that, in many instances, I had to retire to the grove, to give the people an opportunity to hear the Word preached, the houses of worship being too small to contain them.

I have had many happy meetings, in which the Lord has met us, and abundantly poured out his Holy Spirit, and revived the work of grace in our midst, when mourners were comforted and Christians revived. I have travelled sixty-eight days, preached ninety-two sermons, baptized eighty-three persons, and aided in the constitution of the Bethlehem Church, with thirty-one members, and received seventy dollars from the Churches—relying on my field of labor for support, my labors being voluntary, as I had no connection with the Board.

Dear Brethren:—Permit me, in conclusion, to express my gratitude to the Board for this kind expression of regard towards me, in my humble efforts in the Redeemer's Cause; and also, to tender my thanks to my brethren and friends, for their kindness and hospitality to me in my travels. May the God of all grace bestow upon them a hundred fold in this life, and in the world to come everlasting life, is my humble prayer.

. Respectfully Submitted.

Z. BULLOCK.

## REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Colportage would respectfully submit, that, as it regards the circulation of good books, especially denominational books, there is no doubt of its propriety, or that a great deal of good may be effected in the exercise of this benevolent enterprise. But in view of the scarcity of funds, your Committee is of the opinion that little can be done for the present.

Respectfully Submitted.

P. C. CONNELLY, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion, that such institutions are indispensable auxiliaries to the advancement of the Christian religion. We cannot be unmindful that, in a few years, the mantle will pass from our shoulders to the rising generation: nor can we close our eyes to the fact that upon us rests the duty of so preparing our youth in Christian learning and piety, that they will be able to bear the cross with increasing success.

Your Committee was pleased to hear from the different Churches, that they had Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes in successful operation. We hope to have a full report at our next Association from every Church within our bounds, setting forth the fact that they have had flourishing Sabbath Schools, and would suggest that such report be accompanied with a statistical statement, showing the number of teachers, male and female, the students attending, and books employed.

We cannot too strongly urge upon our brethren the importance of attending to this branch of Christian duty. We know that every other denomination are bending their energies in instilling into the youthful mind the tenets of their faith, and if we expect to keep pace in the great march of civilization and Christianity, we must not neglect any of the means at our command.

While the human mind is in its germ is the proper time for culture, that it may unfold in flowers of beauty, grow green in rich foliage, and ripen in grace to the glory of God.

J. W. ELLIS,
J. McGOUGAN, } *Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO SELECT DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the selection of Messengers to Corresponding Associations, submit the following report:

To the Pee Dee—Elder Norman Martin, and Brethren Jacob Thompson and Neill Townsend.

To Cedar Creek—Elder E. D. Johnson, and Brethren John Monroe, J. A. Rosier, W. S. Melvin, Edward Martin and Ewen Johnson.

To Welsh Neck—Elder C. T. Anderson, A. R. Pitman, Brethren E. B. Ford and Giles Williams.

To Union—Elders A. P. Repiton, Haynes Lennon, and Brethren R. M. McRackan, J. W. Ellis and T. S. Memory.

Respectfully Submitted.

B. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE OF THE CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of Finance received from Churches one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents for Minute fund.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. W. GORE, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Committee of Finance received from the Churches, individuals and Sabbath collections, one hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-three cents.

All ot which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. GORE, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Your Committee on Special Changes in the Association would most respectfully state, that intelligence of a very saddening character has been brought to our notice—perhaps never so much on one occasion, and that almost from every part of our body—our much revered brother, Absalom Powell, whose presence, counsel and liberal contributions have endeared him to this Association, and whose doors have so often been opened to the wayworn pilgrim and herald of the Redeemer's Kingdom, now sleeps with the sainted dead. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

A second, is the removal of our tried and efficient brother, John G. Powell, to a more congenial clime. He, like his sainted father, was prompt, energetic and untiring in his attachment to our beloved Zion.

The beloved Francis A. Belcher, on whom we doted, and for whose success and prosperity in the Gospel of Christ we labored so many years, has finished his course with Christian triumph. "Tell father I die in the triumph of a gospel faith."

A goodly number of other brethren have also been reported, whose names will be found in "A Digest of the State of the Churches."

In conclusion, brethren, allow us to point out three other serious changes in connection with our body—the remissness of many excellent brethren, and a number of our Churches, in their attendance on our annual sessions, together with the status and casuistry of our colored membership.

Respectfully Submitted. COMMITTEE.

## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION, AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

**Ashpole**—Rejoices in the return of peace—has experienced a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit and glorious revival of religion—has large and attentive congregations. Eighteen added by baptism. Elder A. R. Pitman is Pastor.

**Antioch**—Has had a meeting of —— days, in which some were added to the Church—has a Bible Class and Sunday School—mourns the loss of some of its members by death—has large and attentive congregations. Eight added by baptism. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

**Back Swamp.**—Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor, whose labors have been blessed. Twenty added by baptism.

**Big Branch**—Has experienced no special change the past year—hopes the seed so faithfully sown will yet be productive of much good—has large and attentive congregations. Eight added by baptism. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

**Lumberton**—Has experienced a cold and wintry season—has neither Pastor nor Supply.

**Mount Eliam**—Is in a good condition—has large and attentive congregations. Nine added by baptism. Elder I. Stone is Pastor.

**Pleasant Grove**—Nothing special. Elder D. B. Ayres is Pastor.

**Raft Swamp**—Has enjoyed a meeting of eight days, resulting in a cheering revival—has kept up a Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Five added by baptism. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

**Zion's Tabernacle.**—Brotherly love seems to abound—has experienced a meeting of five days, resulting in a cheering revival. Seven added by baptism. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

**Beaver Dam**—Has no Pastor—has been visited by N. Stevens, a Licentiate—is in peace and harmony.

**Cherry Grove.**—Nothing special—is in peace and harmony—has a prosperous Sabbath School. Elder D. N. Gore is the Pastoral Supply.

**Cross Roads**—Has had the Word faithfully preached—has a Bible Class and monthly Prayer Meeting. Thirteen added by baptism. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

**Iron Hill ⋈ Roads**—Has had some little revival, after a long and gloomy season. The prospect appears a little cheering. Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor.

**Mount Sinai**—Has had no Pastor nor regular preaching the past year. All are in peace.

**Pleasant Hill**—Has enjoyed some very refreshing seasons—has a large and well attended Sabbath School. Nine added by baptism. Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor.

**Pleasant Plain**—Rejoices in the return of peace—has large and attentive congregations, who have the Word faithfully preached to them. Nine added by baptism. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

**Porter Swamp**—Has enjoyed the labors of Elder C. T. Anderson, monthly, during the first part of the year, and subsequently the services of Elder R. W. Norton twice a month, who is now the present Pastor. They mourn the loss of several of their most pious and efficient members.

WHITE MARSH—Rejoices in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and has shared the labors of Brother J. M. Register, a Licentiate, and Elder D. J. Ray, their Pastor. Nine added by baptism.

WESTERN PRONG—Has enjoyed the pastoral services of Elder G. W. Hill the past year, and has also had occasional visits from Elder C. T. Anderson—congregations attentive and respectful. Eleven added by baptism.

HICKORY GROVE—Has experienced a glorious revival—mourns the loss of several young and promising members. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor. Twenty-five added by baptism.

PARADISE—All in peace—congregations large and attentive—has shared the labors of J. M. Register, their Licentiate, and the Pastoral services of Elder D. J. Ray.

SHADY GROVE—Rejoices that the labors of their Pastor, Elder James Cashwell, have been blessed. Twelve added by baptism.

SHILOH—Nothing cheering—has had the labors of Brethren E. Martin and W. S. Melvin; also an occasional visit from Elders R. M. Sessom and F. Prevatt. No Pastor.

WHITE OAK—Has had some happy meetings. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor. They have also enjoyed the labors of their Licentiate, W. S. Melvin. Six added by baptism.

WHITEVILLE—No special changes, except the loss of one of its most prominent members—has enjoyed the Pastoral labors of Elder C. T. Anderson the past year. Four added by baptism.

SANDY PLAINS—Has enjoyed the Pastoral services of Elder D. J. Ray, whose labors have been abundantly blessed—congregations large and attentive. Six added by baptism.

MACEDONIA—Has experienced a great revival—had good and orderly congregations. Twenty-nine added by baptism. Z. Bullock is Pastor.

NEW BRITAIN—All in peace and harmony—has had the Pastoral services of Elder Joel Bennett the past year.

BEAR SWAMP—Has had a meeting of —— days, which resulted in adding a goodly number to the Church. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor. Thirty-seven added by baptism.

PINEY GROVE, MARION DIST., S. C.—Appears to have experienced a pleasing revival—peace and harmony abounds. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

SPRING BRANCH—Nothing special—all in peace and harmony. Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor.

SHALLOTTE—Complains of coldness—has had but little preaching since 1860, except by W. M. Mints, their Licentiate, who has preached regularly for them. No Pastor.

SWEET HOME—Is represented as being in a healthy condition, with gradual accessions to their number. Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor. Twelve added by baptism.

SPRINGFIELD—Complains of coldness—enjoyed the labors of Elder D. Phillips, till the time of his death. Since then they have been destitute of preaching.

HONEY CAMP—Expresses nothing cheering—all in peace. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

LEBANON—Has been blessed with a great revival. Besides the Pastoral services of Elder D. Boyd, they have been visited by Elders Bullock and Martin. Twenty-nine added by baptism.

# REPORT OF G. W. HILL, TREASURER.

## G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in Account with the Cape Fear Baptist Association.

Dr.

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| To Amount Current Funds remaining on hand last year, | 75 |
| To Amount sent up by the Churches, | $128 35 |
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| By Amount paid for printing Minutes, | $125 00 |
| By Amount allowed Clerk for services, | 40 00 |
| Balance due the Clerk, | 35 90 |

## G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in Account with the Domestic Missionary Board.

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| To Amount received from Committee of Finance. | $136 93 |

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| By Amount paid Elder Z. Bullock, | $15 00 |
| Balance in hands of the Treasurer, | $121 93 |

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptised. | Rc'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Dead. | Blacks. | Total. | Association Fund. |
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| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole | P. C. CONNELLY, A. R. PITTMAN, Jos. Thompson | 18 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 129 | 288 | $ 4 00 |
| Antioch | J. W. Branch, J. Warwick, C. Flowers | 8 | | 2 | | 5 | 1 | 8 | 199 | 6 45 |
| Back Swamp | E. D. JOHNSON, J. L. Nance, Jacob Thompson | 20 | 7 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 46 | 195 | 4 00 |
| Big Branch | *Bright Williams, Moses Warwick, G. Williams | 8 | | | 1 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 154 | 7 00 |
| Lumberton | B. Freeman, *H. T. Pope, *Charles Ivey | | | | 1 | | 5 | | 62 | 5 25 |
| Mt. Eliam | *ISHAM STONE, J. R. Stone, W. A. Stone | 9 | | 13 | 5 | 5 | | 2 | 128 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Grove | N. MARTIN, R. Willoughby, W. A. Martin | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 1 | | 111 | 1 85 |
| Raft Swamp | F. PREVATT, F. A. Prevatt, F. G. Oldham | 5 | | | 4 | 4 | | | 94 | 2 00 |
| Zion's Tabernacle | J. A. Rosier, H. B. Howell, **N. Mercer* | 7 | | | | 1 | 4 | | 69 | 1 25 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam | *E. Hinson, E. White, J. M. Hinson | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 101 | 3 00 |
| Cherry Grove | E. Strickland, A. J. Buffking, *D. Q. Bullock | | 1 | | | | 3 | 6 | 61 | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads | *H. LENNON, F. Lennon, *C. Porter | 13 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 37 | 163 | 7 45 |
| Iron Hill X Roads | S. Jarrel, F. K. Powell, *A. C. Mears | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | | 11 | 77 | 2 00 |
| Macedonia | J. P. Edmund, Richard Noble, *W. W. Brown | 29 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | 86 | 2 00 |
| Mt. Moriah | Not represented | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Zion | Not represented. Total in 1864 | | | | | | | | 58 | |
| Mt. Sinai | Z. BULLOCK, *L. D. Todd, *R. R. Hinson | | | | 1 | | 1 | 12 | 75 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | D. N. GORE, *J. W. Gore*, W. S. Frink | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 21 | 94 | 4 00 |
| Pleasant Plain | G. W. HILL, J. W. Ellis, *J. W. Harrelson | 9 | | | 3 | 4 | 3 | 63 | 177 | 5 00 |
| Porter Swamp | D. Coleman, D. F. Williamson, *A. F. Powell | | | | | 2 | 4 | 25 | 132 | 2 00 |
| Seven Creeks | Not represented. Total in 1864 | | | | | | | | 107 | |
| Sandy Plains | Wm. Vause, *J. P. Vause | 6 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 56 | 2 00 |
| Sweet Home | A. M. Gore, *D. J. Gore, *J. S. Ward | 12 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 7 | 49 | 2 50 |
| White Marsh | M. Powell, B. S. Jones, *Noah Rouse | 9 | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 60 | 113 | 4 00 |
| Western Prong | Alex. F. Powell, *H. H. Hobbs, *T. J. Page | 11 | 1 | | | 1 | | 38 | 70 | 3 00 |
| Whiteville | C. T. ANDERSON, T. S. Memory, T. F. Toon | 4 | | | | 1 | | 17 | 36 | 6 00 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove | R. M. SESSOM, E. Johnson, S. Edwards | 25 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 36 | 162 | 1 00 |

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| Paradise | J. M. REGISTER, *A. Collum, *K. Carrol | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 3 | 10 | 62 | 2 00 |
| Shady Grove | *JAS. CASHWELL, *J. T. Thompson, *S. B. Thompson | 12 | | | 3 | | 5 | | 55 | 3 00 |
| Shiloh | J. Monroe, *Peter Monroe, *D. D. Sikes | | | | 3 | | 6 | 47 | 117 | 1 50 |
| White Lake | Not represented. Total in 1863 | | | | | | | | 77 | |
| White Oak | *E. Martin*, *W. S. Melvin*, *Owen Register | 6 | 10 | | | 2 | 1 | | 70 | 2 00 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel | Not represented. Total in 1863 | | | | | | | | 37 | |
| Beulah | Not represented. Total in 1864 | | | | | | | | 35 | |
| Bryan's Chapel | Not represented. Total in 1864 | | | | | | | | 34 | |
| Cheerful Hope | Not represented. Total in 1864 | | | | | | | | 64 | |
| Friendship | Not represented. Total in 1860 | | | | | | | | 43 | |
| Mill Creek | Not represented. Total in 1858 | | | | | | | | 54 | |
| Mt. Pisgah | Not represented. Total in 1864 | | | | | | | | 143 | |
| New Brittain | By Letter | | | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 110 | 3 00 |
| Shallotte | *W. M. Minis*, *Jesse Bennett | | | | | 3 | 4 | 4 | 42 | 3 00 |
| Union | Not represented. Total in 1860 | | | | | | | | 22 | |
| NEW HANOVER CO. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange Street | Not represented. Total in 1862 | | | | | | | | 141 | |
| MARION DISTRICT. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp | W. H. Hayes, T. W. Ayres, E. B. Ford | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | | 51 | 313 | 5 00 |
| Piney Grove | W. H. Wiggins, *Wm. Scott, E. Scott | 15 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 15 | 134 | 3 00 |
| HORRY DISTRICT. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Honey Camp | L. Jones, W. Harrelson, J. B. Harrelson. No Statistics | | | | | | | | | 3 20 |
| Lebanon | *K. M. Martin, F. A. Prince, M. Prince | 29 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 86 | 2 00 |
| Little River | Not represented. Total in 1859 | | | | | | | | 25 | |
| Salem | By Letter | | | | | | 3 | | 9 | 1 00 |
| Spring Branch | J. M. McGougan, L. Grainger, C. Williamson | 9 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | 20 | 136 | 3 00 |
| Springfield | *Wm. Hughs, S. Hughs, D. Hardy | 3 | | | 3 | | 6 | 11 | 84 | 2 50 |
| Piney Grove | Not represented. Total in 1864 | | | | | | | | 128 | |
| United Churches | Not represented. Total in 1864 | | | | | | | | 43 | |
| Bug Swamp | W. H. Hamilton, N. J. Boothe | | | | | | | 4 | 38 | 3 00 |
| Bethlehem | W. H. Harris, J. W. Folk | | | | | | | | 31 | 2 00 |
| | | 284 | 40 | 27 | 45 | 71 | 88 | 691 | 5,045 | $ 122 45 |

NOTE.—Delegates absent are designated by a star (*).

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
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| Anderson, C. T. | Whiteville, Columbus county, N. C. |
| Ayres, D. B. | Gaddeysville, Robeson county, N. C. |
| Bennett, Joel | Cool Run, Brunswick “ “ |
| Boyd, Daniel | Blanton's ✕ Roads, Horry Dist., S. C. |
| Bullock, Zadock | Fair Bluff, Columbus county, N. C. |
| Cashwell, James | Bladenboro', Bladen “ “ |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond “ “ |
| Gore, D. N. | Whiteville, Columbus “ “ |
| Hill, G. W. | “ “ “ “ |
| Harrelson, John | Shallotte, Brunswick “ “ |
| Johnson, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson “ “ |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus “ “ |
| Lennon, J. P. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick co., N. C. |
| Martin, M. R. | Blanton's ✕ Roads, Horry Dist., S C. |
| Martin, Norman | Leesville, Robeson county, N. C. |
| Marlow, R. F. | Bug Hill, Columbus “ “ |
| Norton, R. W. | Cerro Gorda, “ “ “ |
| Pitman, A. R. | Leesville, Robeson “ “ |
| Prevatt, Furney | Lumberton, “ “ “ |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus “ “ |
| Repiton, A. P. | Wilmington, N. C. |
| Register, J. M. | White's Creek, Bladen “ “ |
| Sessons, R. M. | Bladenboro', “ “ “ |
| Stone, Isham | Lumberton, Robeson “ “ |

## LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
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| Gore, J. W. | Whiteville, Columbus county, N. C. |
| Martin, Edward | White Oak P. O., Bladen “ “ |
| Mercer, Noah | Lumberton, Robeson “ “ |
| Mears, John | Whiteville, Columbus “ “ |
| Mints, W. M. | Shallotte, Brunswick “ “ |
| Melvin, W. S. | White Oak P. O., Bladen “ “ |
| Sellers, B. G. | Shallotte, Brunswick “ “ |
| Stevens, Needham | Whiteville, Columbus. “ “ |
| Milliken, Nathan | Cool Run, Brunswick “ “ |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# SIXTY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT ASHPOLE,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th,

1866.

FAYETTEVILLE:
N. C. PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE.
1867.

# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1866.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Hill, from Ezekiel, xxix: 20.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Elder D. B. Ayres, who read the 103d Psalm. Prayer by Elder R. W. Norton.

Appointed Francis Lennon and Orran Lennon a Committee of Finance.

Appointed Elder A. R. Pitman and J. W. Ellis Assistant Clerks.

Appointed Colin Williams, James P. Pitman, Charles Bullock, Allen Inman and Grady H. Floyd a Vigilance Committee.

The Church Letters were then called for and read, and the names of Delegates enrolled.

Elder Haynes Lennon was then elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was then extended to Corresponding Messengers and Visiting Brethren in the Ministry. Elder Wm. Hollingsworth and Brother —— Lancaster came forward as Messengers from Cedar Creek Association, and Elder Elias Davis as a Visiting Minister. Elder R. W. Norton as a Visiting Minister from Charleston Association.

An invitation to newly-constituted Churches, to connect themselves with this Association, was extended. Thereupon application was made for the admission of Hays' Swamp Church, of Marion District, S. C., which was granted, and the Delegates welcomed to seats.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following Committees:

TO SUPPLY THE STAND—Joseph Thompson, Allen Inman, John Monroe, B. Williams and J. A. Rozier.

ON MISSIONS—R. W. Norton, Robert M. McRackan and Amos High.

ON PERIODICALS—J. W. Ellis, N. Stevens and Wm. M. Mints.

ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS—A. R. Pitman, N. Martin.

ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION—D. B. Ayres, W. S. Melvin.

ON RELIGION AS INDICATED IN THE CHURCH LETTERS—A. R. Pitman and J. W. Ellis.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Haynes Lennon, R. M. McRackan, J. A. Rozier, P. C. Connelly and R. W. Norton.

ON SPECIAL CHANGES—G. W. Hill, D. B. Ayres and E. D. Johnson.

ON COLPORTAGE—R. M. McRackan and N. Stevens.

ON SELECTING CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS—Ewen Johnson, E. B. Ford and Jno. Monroe.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS—G. W. Hill, A. R. Pitman and J. W. Ellis.

Agreed to spend half an hour each day in devotional service and prayer for the visitation of the Holy Spirit on the Church of Christ.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by W. S. Melvin.

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SATURDAY MORNING, 9½ O'CLOCK, OCT. 27.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Elias Davis.

Spent half an hour in devotional service.

Called the Roll and corrected the Minutes.

Extended an invitation to Visiting Brethren. Bro. Samuel Watson and M. H. Watson, from Welsh Neck, came forward and were welcomed to seats.

Committee of last Session, to visit Mount Moriah and other unrepresented Churches, made verbal reports, which were received and Committee discharged.

Appointed Elders A. R. Pitman, D. J. Ray and G. W.

Hill to visit unrepresented Churches during the next Associational year.

Application was now made for the admission of Mount Tabor Church, of Columbus County, into this body, and after inquiry into the orthodox faith of said Church, it was received, and Delegates made welcome to seats in this body.

Application of Bro. Wm. M. Mints, for restoration to the rights of an Ordained Minister, was taken up and considered.

At 1½ o'clock P. M., Association gave way for the Domestic Missionary Board.

At 2 o'clock the Association again came to order.

Committee on Sabbath-Schools reported. Report received and ordered to be appended.

Committee on Corresponding Messengers reported as follows: To visit

PEDEE—Elders P. C. Connelly, N. Martin; Brethren Jacob Thompson, J. M. McGougan and Joseph Thompson. Elder P. C. Connelly to write the letter.

CEDAR CREEK—Elders E. D. Johnson, F. Prevatt, R. M. Sessoms; Brethren W. S. Melvin, E. Johnson and John Monroe. Elder E. D. Johnson to write the letter. [The next Session of this Association will be held with the Piney Grove Church, on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October 1867.]

WELSH NECK—Elders A. R. Pitman, D. B. Ayres; Brethren Thomas W. Ayres, E. B. Ford. A. R. Pitman to write the letter.

EASTERN—Elders Haynes Lennon, E. D. Johnson, D. N. Gore, G. W. Hill; Brethren Francis Lennon and R. M. McRackan. Haynes Lennon to write the letter.

Committee on Ministerial Support reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on Missions reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Agreed to take up a collection on Sabbath for the support of Domestic Missions.

Application was made for the admission of Oak Grove Baptist Church, of Horry District, S. C., into this Association, and after inquiry and evidence, the Church was admitted, the right hand of fellowship extended, and her Delegates welcomed to seats.

Adjourned, to meet Monday morning at 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Elder N. Martin.

SABBATH MORNING, OCT. 28.

The day was pleasant and the congregation large. Elder Norton opened the services by prayer. Elder Connelly preached from Galatians, ch. vi: v. 7: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Elder H. Lennon followed, and preached from John, ch. xvii: v. 1: "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee."

At the conclusion a collection was taken up in aid of Domestic Missions, amounting to $50 10.

After an intermission of a half-hour, the congregation reassembled, and Elder Norton preached from 1st Corinthians, ch. xv: v. 10: "By the grace of God I am what I am." The theme, the grace of God, was listened to with marked attention, and the services closed in a very pleasant manner.

MONDAY MORNING, 9½ O'CLOCK, OCT. 29.

Association came to order pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder G. W. Hill.

Spent half an hour in devotion and prayer.

Agreed to hold the next Session of this Association, at 10½ o'clock, Friday before the fourth Sabbath in October 1867, with the Church at Pleasant Hill, Columbus County, N. C. Appointed Elder A. R. Pitman to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder D. J. Ray Alternate. Elder Haynes Lennon to preach the 12 o'clock Sermon on the Sabbath; Elder P. C. Connelly Alternate.

Agreed to print two thousand copies of these Minutes.

Agreed to pay the Clerk $25 for his services the present year.

Agreed to pay Bro. G. W. Hill $23 30, amount paid by him for printing last year's Minutes. Also appropriated $20 to Mr. Bernard, to make up the deficiency in his estimate of last year's printing.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Report received and appended.

Committee on Colportage reported. Report received and appended.

Committee on Baptist State Convention reported. Report received and appended. The subject referred to the Executive Committee of this Association, with full power to act as the case may require.

Committee on Special Changes reported no special change, and were discharged.

Committee of Finance reported $141 25 sent up by Churches, $25 paid in by individuals. Total Minute Fund $166 25.

Adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the increasing disposition, on the part of Church members, to attend balls and dancing parties, and to engage in such frivolities and amusements of the day as are at variance with the spirit of the Gospel, and which were discountenanced by our fathers in the Church, as well as the most eminently pious of the present day, we deem it proper to express our decided opinion that all such habits and practices meet our most unqualified condemnation; and that all members persisting therein, after being admonished by their Pastor or brethren, should be disciplined. "Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James, iv: 4.

Appointed Elders Haynes Lennon, G. W. Hill, and Brethren J. W. Ellis and Thomas S. Memory an Executive Committee, to whom all unfinished business shall be referred.

On motion, it was

Resolved, 1st, That the resolutions adopted at the last Session of this Association, constituting a Presbytery of Ministers for the ordination of applicants to the Ministry, be and they are hereby repealed; and it is hereby declared that the resolution adopted at the Session of 1843, touching the same subject, also stands repealed.

Resolved, 2d, That the case of Bro. Wm. M. Mints be respectfully referred to his Church, and we advise that Church to call such a number of ordained Ministers as it shall think proper, to take counsel of them—the Church and Ministers to act in the premises as the nature of the case may require.

Resolved, 3d, That the cases of Bros. B. G. Sellers and J. W. Dixon be respectfully referred to their Churches, and we advise those Churches to call two or more ordained Ministers, to counsel with them, and ordain those Brethren, if in their opinion the same shall be proper.

Resolved, 4th, That this Association recommend the White Oak Church, in Bladen County, to call two or more Ministers of their own selection, to perform the service and ceremony of ordaining Bro. Edward Martin.

Resolved, 5th, That a Committee of nine Ministers be appointed, to whom the Churches are respectfully requested to send their applicants for ordination to be examined; and after examination and approval of any two of said Ministers, the Churches then to call any ordained Ministers, who, with the Churches, may perform the service and ceremony of ordination. Said Committee shall be annually chosen.

Under the last resolution the following Ministers were appointed said Committee for the present year, viz: Elders P. C. Connelly, G. W. Hill, D. J. Ray, Haynes Lennon, D. B. Ayres, Joel Bennett, A. R. Pitman, R. M. Sessums and Daniel Boyd.

A vote of thanks was then tendered the Church at Ashpole, and to the citizens in the vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which the Delegates to, and visitors of, this Association have been entertained. Unanimously adopted.

After concluding services the Association adjourned to meet at the place appointed for the next Session.

HAYNES LENNON, Moderator.

G. W. HILL, Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

The Board came in session. Elder Haynes Lennon elected Chairman; G. W. Hill re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointed Francis Lennon and Orran Lennon a Comittee of Finance.

The Executive Committee reported that they had been unable to procure the services of an Itinerant for the past year.

Appointed J. M. McGougan, R. M. McRackan, John Monroe and Ewen Johnson a Committee to procure the services of Itinerants for the present year.

Agreed that the Board will employ two Missionaries in the bounds of this Association for the present year, and that the Board will pay $1 50 per day for Missionary service.

Agreed to employ, if possible, Itinerants who are not in the pastoral care of Churches.

Committee of Finance reported $121 93 cash on hand last year. Received from Churches and individuals the present year $111, Sabbath collection $50 10. Sum total now on hand and at the disposal of the Board $283 03.

Committee to procure the services of Itinerants reported that the services of several Ministers could be procured. Accepted and Committee discharged.

Appointed Elders Haynes Lennon, G. W. Hill, and Brethren J. W. Ellis, T. S. Memory and J. M. McGougan an Executive Committee, with full power to carry on the business of the Board and procure itinerant service during the present year.

A call was then made for subscriptions to raise funds for the use of the Board. The following persons came forward and subscribed the sums to their names annexed:

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| Haynes Lennon | $10 paid. | A. Jackson | $5 |
| John Monroe | 10 | P. C. Connelly | 5 |
| A. R. Pitman | 10 | Giles Williams | 5 paid. |
| J. M. McGougan | 10 paid. | Orran Lennon | 5 |
| J. W. Ellis | 10 | Jacob Leggett | 5 |
| J. W. Rouse | 10 | Robert Inman | 5 |
| Ewen Johnson | 10 paid. | Joel Inman | 5 paid. |
| Joseph Thompson | 10 paid. | Samuel Stone | 5 |
| Wm. M. Mints | 5 | B. S. Jones | 3 |
| R. J. Long | 5 | Jesse Pitman | 1 |
| J. L. Nance | 5 | Sarah Pitman | 1 |
| N. Martin | 5 paid. | Thomas Bullock | 2 |
| Wm. Vause | 5 | Frances Bullock | 1 |
| W. S. Melvin | 5 | | |
| R. Willoughby | 5 | | $163 |

The Committee of Finance made the following report of the amount of funds sent up by the Churches and paid by individuals:

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| Ashpole | $13 60 | Piney Grove | $6 00 |
| Big Branch | 10 60 | Spring Branch | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Plain | 5 00 | F. Lennon | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 12 00 | Daniel Stanaland | 4 50 |
| Porter Swamp | 14 40 | S. B. Stanaland | 4 50 |
| Seven Creeks | 5 00 | John Ellis | 5 00 |
| Sandy Plains | 6 00 | | |
| Western Prong | 10 00 | | $111 60 |

On motion, the Board adjourned.

H. LENNON, Ch'n.

G. W. HILL, Sec'y.

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

In the necessity of Colporteurs all agree, and where all are satisfied of its usefulness there would seem to be but one thing necessary to its success, and that is to use the means and the method to accomplish that object.

We would recommend that our Missionaries be requested to solicit funds for its use, and that they be authorized to employ those funds in the purchase of such Books and Tracts as they, in their judgment, may think best, and be able to procure at the present time and supply the destitute.

The unsettled state of the country allows very little opportunity of conducting Colportage in a well-regulated manner. Respectfully submitted.

N. STEVENS.
R. M. McRACKAN.

## REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath-Schools, submit the following Report:

This is an enterprise of vital importance, but it has so often been spoken and written upon that we know of nothing that we can advantageously add that is new.

All will admit that Sabbath-Schools are the nurseries of our Churches, for in them the youthful mind is trained for efficiency in the Church, for usefulness in riper years, by being well stored with biblical knowledge; but there is a want of energy somewhere in respect to these schools. There are but few Sabbath-Schools in operation in our Churches. The fault is in our brethren and sisters. Go to work yourselves; organize a Sabbath-School in every Church, and carry your children to it yourselves, and invite your neighbors and neighbors' children to go with you, and prove by your own attendance and untiring interest that Sabbath-Schools are something of importance, and that the instruction of the rising generation in religious truth is worth an effort on your part. Until such a course is pursued on the part of our brethren and sisters, we need not attempt Sabbath-Schools; but with such energy on their part, there will soon be a flourishing Sabbath-School in every Church, and young men and women added to our Churches whose minds are stored with religious knowledge, competent to fill high stations in Christ's kingdom.

We would recommend every Minister to preach a sermon on this subject in all their Churches. Respectfully submitted.

A. R. PITMAN, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee recommend the "Biblical Recorder", published by Rev. J. D. Huffham, Raleigh, N. C., as an invaluable family newspaper. We would especially recommend the use of the Bible above all other publications.

J. W. ELLIS.
N. STEVENS.

## REPORT ON THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Your Committee, to whom was submitted the Report on the Baptist State Convention, offer the following:

We have no means of learning how far this institution has recovered from the paralyzing influence of the war. We learn, however, that there was a meeting held in May last, and no doubt some judicious steps were taken to co-operate with the Baptists of the State in their efforts to advance the objects of this institution. We recommend this body to send Delegates to its next Session, and means, if possible, to aid the good work. Respectfully submitted.

D. B. AYRES, Ch'n.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF MISSIONARIES THE ENSUING YEAR.

Your Committee beg leave to report that, from information, the services of Elder D. J. Ray, as a Missionary, can be relied on. Also, Elder D. B. Ayres can be engaged as a Colporteur to travel in the bounds of the Association. Elders P. C. Connelly, G. W. Hill, A. R. Pitman and E. D. Johnson have promised to devote what portion of their time they can spare in the Missionary cause, if desired. Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

There is no subject more clearly laid down in Holy Writ than the competent maintenance of God's most holy service. It is one of the legitimate principles of reason and justice that "the laborer is worthy of his reward." This principle is universally recognized by all nations, both in religious and secular concerns. Pagans and idolaters most scrupulously support the ministers of their religion.

We have only to examine the Scriptures of the Old Testament to learn the statutes of Heaven on this point. The tribe of Levi was set apart to the special service of the Most High, to whom the Lord gave "all the tenths in Israel for an inheritance for their service," together with "the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave-offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit." "Therefore, thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor and as the increase of the wine-press. And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your *reward* for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation." Under the New Testament dispensation, God has called men to the Gospel ministry, "as was Aaron", and for them He has given His Churches definite laws for their support and co-operation.

The permanency of this principle is thoroughly confirmed. First. By the establishment of a treasury: "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing." Secondly. The examples of the Apostolic Churches and epistolary writings set the matter forever at rest. As the reason of this law is permanent in its character, so it is equally applicable to all ages of the Gospel ministry. Our Divine Lord commissioned his disciples, "and they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Under the workings of this ministry the great Apostle of the Gentiles was made an ambassador of Christ to build up His kingdom, commit "the ministry of reconciliation" "to faithful men who should be able also to teach others," and deliver to His Churches the counsel of God concerning them.

This distinguished Apostle, on the point now at issue, reasons in the following most forcible manner: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" Nor does the inspired penman omit specifying the contributors: "Let him that is taught in the WORD communicate to him that teacheth in all good things." Neither is he silent as to the method of giving: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity." It must be "by an equality." "Now, therefore, perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also *out of that which ye have.*" "First a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." So, "upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." "For God loveth a cheerful giver." "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

While this principle enjoins the faithful support of the heralds of mercy to a ruined world, it still recognizes the arduous duties of the Gospel Ministry—their boldness in defence of the truth; their patient endurance of toil; humanity; loftiness of soul; singleness of heart; promptness of action; incessant labors, as incentives to urge us on in the great work of "destroying the works of the Devil;" in heartily co-operating with the Gospel Ministry in overturning the kingdoms of darkness.

In view of the foregoing facts, it is now high time that we "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty." If we consider the present languished state of Zion, the unbounded destitution of the Gospel in the Churches of this Association, the alarming coldness and indifference of many professors of religion, the rapid decline of benevolent operations in our midst, the woful negligence of Churches to sustain their Pastors, the almost entire omission of prayer to send laborers into the Lord's vineyard, the vast amount of ease in Zion; then we are compelled to admit a realization of God's displeasure on our Association as a legitimate reaction on the Ministry for our dereliction of duty. "God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you. For among my people are found wicked men." "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts."

The influence of the Ministry upon the Churches presents a strong plea why they should be sustained: for in the absence of their labors and influence the Churches invariably decline and impoverish. This is a fact too plain to require demonstration.

The reaction of the Churches on the Ministry is little thought of, and is seldom dwelt on. Their duty to seek out the gifts among them, which the Lord calls for in the Ministry, is acknowledged; and in some instances may have urged their claims: but as a general rule even this has been wofully neglected. To set the relationship of the Ministry and Churches in a proper light before the Churches and mankind at large, we have only to picture (not what it now is) what it should be. Let the *servant of Christ* find himself in the midst of a people who appreciate his worth and his labors; who give him those manifestations of their regard which inspire him with confidence—which draw forth his affections and stimulate his ambition. Let him feel, in the first place, that his office is revered, and its authority recognized, and that he is esteemed in love for his work's sake, and may venture to discharge, in a proper spirit, the duties of his office,—not only those of teaching, but those of admonition and government. Let him feel that the motives which animate him are understood; that his labor in study "to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed is appreciated; that his wants are thoughtfully cared for, and provided for; that his people have forbearance for his frailties, and sympathy for his sorrows; that his brethren are ready with their counsel in his perplexities, and their co-operation in his plans of usefulness. Let him feel that he can form his plans, and lay out his work, and look forward to the execution of enterprizes for good with a cheering confidence of reaping the fields he has sown. Let him feel that the seed he scatters is not watered by his own tears alone, but that his people pray for him while he preaches; that they remember him in their closets and at their domestic altars; and that they so speak of him in their families, and in the walks of business, and in the social intercourse of life, as will open the public ear and draw the public heart to his ministry, and give him moral power with men. "Happy is that people that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord." Respectfully submitted.

HAYNES LENNON, Ch'n.

## REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Gospel, in its origin, spirit and design, is eminently missionary: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Jesus, its Author, was the Great Missionary. He went from city to city, from town to town, preaching the kingdom, tarrying no great while in any one place. Christianity, in its nature and design, is aggressive. It does not stand upon the defensive, but goes forth to conquer the hearts and subdue the sins of men—to *seek* and save the lost. Wherever there is destitution, there the Gospel must go; and the Churches and Ministers of Christ are solemnly charged to give all aid, and to devise all plans, necessary to extend the light of salvation to those who sit in darkness.

We call your attention to the Baptist Mission in Germany: Oucken began his labors in 1832 with ten hearers. 81 Churches have been organized, with 1000 preaching stations and 15,000 members, each of whom is a professed missionary, pledged to spread the truth of Christ. He has issued 1,000,000 Bibles and 15,000,000 Tracts. Under himself and his Missionaries there have been 40,000 converts, of whom one-fourth have been from Romanism.

In view of these facts and the great destitution in this Association, your Committee earnestly recommends:

1. That each Pastor and Minister of this Association urge the importance of this work upon his Churches and congregatians, and take up a public collection for the same.

2. That each member of every Church make it a matter of conscience to contribute something every year to this glorious cause.

3. That this Association and its Churches make earnest prayer to God to send forth laborers into His vineyard.

Brethren, nothing, save your own salvation, is more worthy of your head, heart, hand and contributions than the extension of the Gospel to those who have it not. Respectfully submitted.

R. W. NORTON.
R. M. McRACKAN.
AMOS HIGH.

## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION, AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

ASHPOLE—Appears to be in a prosperous condition; is under the Pastoral care of Elder A. R. Pitman; has also enjoyed the visits of Elder P. C. Connelly quarterly, and the labors of Brother Henry Davis. 17 added by baptism.

ANTIOCH.—Nothing special. Has a Bible-Class. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

BACK SWAMP.—Nothing interesting. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor. 8 added by baptism.

BIG BRANCH—Has experienced a cheering revival. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor. 11 added by baptism.

LUMBERTON—Expresses nothing encouraging. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor.

MOUNT ELIAM—Appears to be in a thriving condition. Elder I. Stone is Pastor. 17 added by baptism.

PLEASANT GROVE.—Nothing special. Elder D. B. Ayres is Pastor.

ZION'S TABERNACLE—Expresses nothing encouraging. Has been under the Pastoral care of Elder F. Prevatt the past year.

BEAVER DAM—Is in a thriving condition; has been supplied with preaching by Brother N. Stevens and Elder D. J. Ray occasionally; has enjoyed an interesting meeting of several days. 22 added by baptism.

CHERRY GROVE—Is in peace and harmony. Has been supplied by Elder R. F. Marlow.

CROSS ROADS.—Love and peace abound. Has a Bible-Class and Prayer-Meeting. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

IRON HILL X ROADS—Has had but little preaching the past year. No Pastor.

MACEDONIA.—Nothing special. Has enjoyed the labors of Elder Z. Bullock the past year.

MT. SINAI.—Nothing interesting. Has been under the Pastoral care of Elder D. J. Ray the past year.

MT. TABOR.—Dissolved several years ago has been reconstituted. Elder R. F. Marlow is Pastor.

MT. ZION—Has experienced a glorious revival. Has been under the Pastoral care of Elder D. J. Ray the past year. 38 added by baptism.

PLEASANT HILL—Has experienced some refreshing seasons; has enjoyed the labors of Elder D. N. Gore and J. W. Gore; has a well-attended Sabbath-School. 22 added by baptism.

PLEASANT PLAIN—Is in a flourishing condition; has a Sabbath-School. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor. 30 added by baptism.

PORTER SWAMP—Expresses an encouraging state of things; has experienced a very happy meeting of eight days. Elder R. W. Norton is Pastor. 5 added by baptism.

SEVEN CREEKS—Is in peace and harmony. Elder R. F. Marlow is Pastor. 30 added by baptism.

SANDY PLAINS.—Nothing special. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor. 10 added by baptism.

SWEET HOME.—Nothing interesting. Has been supplied with preaching the latter part of the year by Elder R. F. Marlow.

WHITE MARSH—Has experienced a glorious revival. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor. 32 added by baptism.

WESTERN PRONG.—Nothing special; has enjoyed the Pastoral services of Elder R. W. Norton. Has a Sabbath-School.

HICKORY GROVE—Has enjoyed a meeting of nine days, during which the Lord graciously poured out His Holy Spirit, and a goodly number were added to the Church. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor. 30 added by baptism.

PARADISE—Appears to be in a prosperous condition. Elder J. M. Register is Pastor. 27 added by baptism.

SHADY GROVE—Has enjoyed a very interesting meeting of several days, resulting in a handsome addition to the Church. Elder James Cashwell is Pastor. 28 added by baptism.

SHILOH.—Nothing cheering. Elder B. F. Jessup is Pastor.

WHITE LAKE—Is in peace and harmony. Has enjoyed the labors of Brother J. W. Dixon, with occasional visits from Elder J. M. Register and Brothers W. S. Melvin and E. Martin.

WHITE OAK—Has experienced some happy meetings. Elder F. Prevatt is Pastor.

BETHEL—Has had no regular preaching for several years—complains of coldness. 16 added by baptism.

MILL CREEK.—Nothing important. Has been destitute of preaching except an occasional sermon; but has secured the services of Elder John Harrelson for the ensuing year. 11 added by baptism.

MOUNT PISGAH.—Nothing special. Is destitute of a Pastor; has been supplied with preaching by Brothers B. G. Sellers and Wm. M. Mints; has a Sabbath-School and Prayer-Meeting in progress.

SHALLOTTE—Is destitute of a Pastor; has been supplied with preaching by Brother B. G. Sellers and Wm. M. Mints.

BEAR SWAMP.—Nothing special. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor. 14 added by baptism.

HAYS' SWAMP—Is a newly-constituted Church. Expresses nothing special. Has enjoyed the labors of Elder Norman Martin.

PINEY GROVE, (MARION DISTRICT.)—Nothing important. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

BUG SWAMP.—Nothing special. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

BETHLEHEM—Has had the Word faithfully preached to them by their Pastor, Elder Z. Bullock, whose labors have been considerably blessed.

LEBANON—Has been supplied with the ministerial services of Elders Z. Bullock and Daniel Boyd, whose labors have been blessed with a general revival. 27 added by baptism.

OAK GROVE—Is a newly-constituted Church, organized by Elders Z. Bullock, Daniel Boyd and M. R. Martin, with a membership of 32 persons.

SALEM—Has been supplied with preaching by Elder Z. Bullock, whose labors have been blessed with the addition of a goodly number to the Church—27 in number.

SPRING BRANCH—Is in peace and harmony, and her condition is represented as being encouraging. Elder R. W. Norton is Pastor.

SPRING FIELD.—Nothing special; has enjoyed the pastoral services of Elder Z. Bullock the past year.

UNITED CHURCHES—Has been nearly destitute of preaching during the war, until July last. Since then they have been supplied by Elder Z. Bullock, whose labors have been signally blessed. 31 added by baptism.

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## REPORT OF ELDER G. W. HILL, TREASURER.

G. W. HILL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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| To amount of funds of Colportage and Publication Society, paid over by Elder H. Lennon, | $19 00 |
| Ditto collected by Elder H. Lennon, | 60 |
| Ditto amount sent up by the Churches, | 141 25 |
| Ditto paid by individuals, | 25 00 |
| | $185 85 |

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| To balance due Clerk for the printing of last year's Minutes, | $42 90 |
| To amount allowed Mr. W. H. Bernard, to make up deficit in estimate of printing last year's Minutes, | 20 00 |
| To amount allowed Clerk for services, | 25 00 |
| To amount paid for printing this year's Minutes, | 105 00 |
| | $192 90 |

G. W. HILL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

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| To balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer last year, | $121 93 |
| To amount sent up by the Churches, | 92 00 |
| Ditto paid by individuals, | 19 00 |
| Ditto Sabbath collection, | 50 10 |
| Ditto amount paid on individual subscriptions on Monday, | 55 00 |
| Amount in Treasurer's hands, | $338 03 |

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized...... | Rec'd by Letter | Restored...... | Dismissed..... | Excluded..... | Dead......... | Colored....... | Total......... | Association Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole............ | A. R. PITMAN, P. C. CONNELLY, Henry Davis.......... | 17 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 116 | 275 | $5 35 |
| Antioch............ | John W. Smith, J. W. Branch, Jesse Phillips.......... | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 186 | 6 10 |
| Back Swamp........ | Hugh Inman, J. L. Nance, E. D. JOHNSON.............. | 8 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 159 | 4 00 |
| Big Branch......... | Moses Warwick, Giles Williams, Meredith Barnes...... | 11 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 164 | 5 80 |
| Lumberton.......... | *H. T. Pope, John Hill, T. A. Norment............... | .. | .. | 1 | 5 | .. | 1 | .. | 40 | 1 50 |
| Mount Eliam........ | *I. STONE, Zechariah Carter, Samuel Stone............ | 16 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 124 | 3 30 |
| Pleasant Grove...... | N. MARTIN, Thomas Martin, J. A. Nichols............. | .. | .. | .. | 7 | 11 | 3 | .. | 112 | 1 50 |
| Raft Swamp......... | James P. Davis....................................... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | 3 00 |
| Zion's Tabernacle.... | H. B. Howell, **Noah Mercer*, J. A. Rosier............. | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | 64 | 1 50 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam......... | *E. Hinson, P. Blackman, *J. A. Bass................. | 22 | .. | .. | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 137 | 3 00 |
| Cherry Grove........ | Z. Q. Bullock, Everet Strickland, Asa Strickland........ | .. | .. | 1 | 6 | 3 | .. | 6 | 52 | 2 00 |
| Cross Roads......... | H. LENNON, F. Lennon, John Ellis..................... | 6 | .. | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 160 | 7 40 |
| Iron Hill X Roads.... | *Jesse Spivey, *J. L. Powell, A. C. Mears.............. | .. | 2 | 1 | 5 | .. | 1 | 10 | 72 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia .......... | J. P. Edmund, Calvin Edmund, J. P. Waters........... | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 20 | 81 | 2 00 |
| Mount Moriah....... | Not represented....................................... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | ...... |
| Mount Sinai......... | Z. BULLOCK, *Isham Hinson, *Samuel Strickland....... | 3 | 5 | .. | 7 | 6 | .. | 10 | 72 | 2 75 |
| Mount Tabor........ | Joshua Sowle, *Lennon Sowle, F. Norriss.............. | 17 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 49 | 2 00 |
| Mount Zion. ....... | Orran Lennon, G. W. Elkins, J. R. Baldwin............ | 38 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 100 | 4 00 |
| Pleasant Hill........ | *D. N. GORE, Thomas Thompson, M. J. Thompson...... | 22 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 109 | 3 00 |
| Pleasant Plain....... | G. W. HILL, *N. Stevens*, J. W. Ellis.................. | 30 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 67 | 207 | 5 00 |
| Porter Swamp....... | D. F. Williamson, *A. F. Powell, Daniel Coleman....... | 5 | 2 | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | 28 | 138 | 3 00 |
| Seven Creeks........ | James Long, *Isaac Long, M. J. Stevens............... | 30 | 2 | 10 | .. | 3 | 12 | 15 | 91 | 2 00 |
| Sandy Plains........ | William Vause, Henry Prewit.......................... | 10 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 70 | 2 50 |
| Sweet Home......... | *Solomon Reaves, D. J. Gore, *A. M. Gore. ........... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 40 | 2 00 |
| White Marsh........ | J. W. Rouse, B. S. Jones, G. W. Flinn................ | 32 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 77 | 193 | 5 00 |
| Western Prong...... | A. High, *W. Blount, *A. F. Powell, Jr................ | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | .. | 31 | 78 | 3 00 |

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| Whiteville | John Mears, G. Pridgen, R. M. McRackan | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 19 | 40 | 3 50 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove | *R. M. SESSOMS, Ewen Johnson, Daniel Johnson | 30 | 1 | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | 58 | 205 | 5 00 |
| Paradise | *J. M. REGISTER, **J. W. Dixon*, *K. Carroll | 27 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | 33 | 92 | 3 00 |
| Shady Grove | C. T. Cashwell, R. Sikes, J. A. Russ | 28 | .. | 3 | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | 83 | 3 65 |
| Shiloh | John Monroe, Samuel Cain, *James Everett | 1 | 2 | .. | 8 | 1 | .. | 48 | 107 | 1 10 |
| White Lake | G. W. Thomas, H. L. Peterson, *J. M. Mashburn | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 33 | 108 | 3 00 |
| White Oak | **Edward Martin, W. S. Melvin*, C. Martin | 5 | 2 | 2 | .. | 8 | .. | .. | 66 | 2 50 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel | By Letter | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 | 1 50 |
| Beulah | Not represented. Total in 1864 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 | 1 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel | Not represented. Total in 1864 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 34 | .... |
| Cheerful Hope | Not represented. Total in 1864 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 64 | .... |
| Friendship | Not represented. Total in 1860 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 43 | .... |
| Mill Creek | By Letter | 11 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 67 | 1 00 |
| Mount Pisgah | *L. Sellers, *P. T. Stanaland, *R. J. Long | .. | .. | 1 | 6 | 6 | .. | 6 | 70 | 5 00 |
| New Britain | Not represented. Total in 1865 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 110 | .... |
| Shallotte | *William M. Mints*, *J. W. Gause, *J. J. Hawse | 7 | 7 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 60 | 3 00 |
| Union | Not represented. Total in 1860 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22 | .... |
| MARION DISTRICT, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp | E. B. Ford, *T. W. Ayres, *D. M. Shaw | 14 | .. | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 58 | 290 | 3 00 |
| Hays' Swamp | R. Willoughby, Allen Jackson, Quincy Jackson | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16 | 2 80 |
| Piney Grove | E. L. Rogers, W. H. Wiggins, *G. W. Mears | 6 | 1 | .. | 3 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 144 | 3 50 |
| HORRY DISTRICT, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bug Swamp | J. L. Stephens, *W. H. Hamilton, *J. N. Booth | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 39 | 2 00 |
| Bethlehem | *James H. Faulk, Hardy Harriss | 22 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 53 | 2 00 |
| Honey Camp | Not represented. Total in 1864 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 72 | .... |
| Lebanon | *DANIEL BOYD, James Jerrald, A. Prince | 27 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 127 | 2 00 |
| Little River | Not represented. Total in 1859 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | .... |
| Oak Grove | Armstrong Martin, William Edge | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 | 1 50 |
| Salem | *E. Allen, H. G. Brown, *Jeremiah Meshaw | 22 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 | 1 50 |
| Spring Branch | J. M. McGougan, C. Williamson, *L. Grainger | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 128 | 3 00 |
| Spring Field | Samuel Hughes, *Samuel Hickman, Daniel Hardee | 8 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 89 | 2 00 |
| Piney Grove | Not represented. Total in 1867 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7 | .... |
| United Churches | Thomas McD. Owens, *D. T. King, *William L. Dubois | 31 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 15 | 54 | 2 50 |
| | *Names of Delegates absent marked with a star. | 484 | 111 | 87 | 94 | 149 | 56 | 787 | 5114 | $141 25 |

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Ayres, D. B. | Gaddysville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Bennett, Joel | Cool Run, Brunswick County, N. C. |
| Boyd, Daniel | Blanton's X Roads, Horry Dist., S. C. |
| Bullock, Zadock | Fair Bluff, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Cashwell, James | Bladensboro', Bladen " " |
| Connelly, P. C. | Montpelier, Richmond " " |
| Gore, D. N. | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Hill, G. W. | " " " " |
| Harrelson, John | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Johnson, E. D. | Lumberton, Robeson " " |
| Lennon, Haynes | Big Swamp, Columbus " " |
| Lennon, J. P. | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick Co., N. C. |
| Martin, M. R. | Blanton's X Roads, Horry Dist., S. C. |
| Martin, Norman | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Marlow, R. F. | Bug Hill, Columbus " " |
| Pitman, A. R. | Leesville, Robeson " " |
| Prevatt, Forney | Lumberton " " " |
| Ray, D. J. | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Register, J. M. | White's Creek, Bladen " " |
| Sessoms, R. M. | Bladensboro', " " " |
| Stone, Isham | Lumberton, Robeson " " |

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## LICENSED MINISTERS' NAMES.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
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| Gore, J. W. | Whiteville, Columbus County, N. C. |
| Martin, Edward | White Oak, Bladen " " |
| Mercer, Noah | Lumberton, Robeson " " |
| Mears, John | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Mints, W. M. | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Milliken, Nathan | Cool Run, " " " |
| Melvin, W. S. | White Oak, Bladen " " |
| Sellers, B. G. | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Stevens, Needham | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Thompson, J. R. | Blanton's X Roads, Horry Dist., S. C. |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

Pleasant Hill Church, Columbus Co., N. C.

OCTOBER 25-28, 1867.

RALEIGH:
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1867.

# PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, Oct. 25th ,1867.

The Introductory Sermon was preached according to appointment, by Elder A. R. Pittman, from 1st. Cor. 15th chap., and 58th verse: "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator who read the 103rd Psalm. Prayer was offered by Elder G. W. Hill.

Brethren F. Lennon, T. M. Smith and J. F. Ward were appointed a committee of Finance.

Elder A. R. Pittman and brother C. C. Gore were requested to act as assistant Clerks.

The Church Letters were called for and read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill, Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Messengers and visiting brethren.

Whereupon, Elder R. Webb, agent of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for North and South Carolina, Prof. W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, brother H. H. Ellis Corresponding Messenger from the Cedar Creek, and Elder W. M. Kennedy from the Eastern Association came forward and were welcomed to seats.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

*To supply the Stand*—Brethren T. W. Ayres, J. C. Carroll, John Monroe and J. W. Gore.

*On Vigilance*—Brethren J. W. Gore, Jno. Frink and Uz Wood.

*On Missions*—Elders R. Webb, J. W. Dixon and D. B. Ayres.

*On Periodicals*—Elder W. M. Kennedy, brethren T. M. Smith and E. B. Ford.

*On Sabbath Schools*—Elder A. R. Pittman, and brethren R. M. McRacken and N. Milliken,

*On Baptist State Convention*—Elders W. T. Walters, D. N. Gore and brother C. C. Gore.

*To select Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations*—Elder R. M. Sessoms, and brethren A. F. Powel and John Monroe.

*On Arrangements*—Elders G. W. Hill, A. R. Pittman and brother C. C. Gore.

An invitation to churches desiring to connect themselves with this body, was extended, when a petition from the church at Antioch, Horry District, S. C., was presented, which after satisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy, was received.

The Association then adjourned till 10 o'clock to morrow morning. Prayer by Elder D. B. Ayres.

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SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 26th.

The Moderator read the 27th Psalm. Prayer by Elder A. P. Repiton.

The minutes of yesterday were read and the list of Delegates corrected.

The report of the committee of Arrangements was read and received.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren and Corresponding Messengers.

Elder A. P. Repiton was recognized as a member of this Association.

Elder J. D. Elwell and brother B. Freeman from the Eastern Association, presented themselves as Corresponding Messengers, and were welcomed to seats.

Elder A. P. Repiton, R. Webb and J. W. Dixon were appointed a committee on the Relation of the colored membership after some remarks by Elders Repiton and Webb.

The following report, adopted by the Baptist State Convention of N. C. in May last, was recommend, and on motion, was received and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, viz:

"1. That our colored brethren be encouraged to form separate churches and Associations.

2. That our brethren generally should encourage and assist them in doing this, and in preserving Gospel order, and in establishing and keeping up day Schools and Sabbath Schools, and such other institutions as have for their object to promote the spiritual and intellectual well-being of the race.

3 That our pastors may labor usefully in giving instruction to colored brethren who have already entered the ministry, or who may have it in contemplation "

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after some very interesting remarks by Elders Repiton and Webb, was adopted.

The committee on Periodicals was called for. Pending the motion for its adoption, the claims of the BIBLICAL RECORDER were presented by Prof. Walters and other brethren, and an opportunity given to obtain subscriptions. "*Kind Words*," published at Greenville, S. C., by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the "*Child's Delight*," published by brother S. Boykin, Macon, Ga., were also recommended as being good Sunday School papers.

The committee to select Corresponding Messengers made the following report, which was adopted.

*Pee Dee Association*, Elders P. C. Connelly, E. D. Johnson, A. R. Pittman, brethren J. L. Nance and H. B. Howell, Elder G. W. Hill to write the letter of Correspondence,

*Cedar Creek Association*, Elders H. Lennon, D. J. Ray, R. M. Sessoms, brethren E. Johnson, J. Monroe and F. Lennon. A. R. Pittman to write the Corresponding letter.

*Welsh Neck Association*, Elders D. B. Ayres, A. R. Pittman, Z. Bullock and brethren A. F. Powell, J, C. Powell and Wm. T. Frink. Elder J P. Lennon to write the letter of Correspondence.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

After the adjournment of the Board, the Association resumed its session.

Elder H. Lennon having been appointed to preach the 12 o'clock sermon on the Sabbath, was excused at his request, and Elder R. Webb was appointed to preach at that hour.

It was ordered that one-half of the funds to be collected on Sabbath be paid over to Elder R. Webb as agent of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the other half to the Domestic Mission Board of the Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 10½ o'clock on Monday morning. Prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

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SABBATH, OCT. 27.

The morning Sermon was preached by Elder A. P. Repiton from the 72nd Psalm and 16th verse.

"There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains, the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon, and they of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth." Elder R. Webb followed and preached the Missionary Sermon at the stand, from Rom. 15th chapter and latter part of the 14th verse. "The power of the Holy Ghost." The day being rainy, and a part of the congregation having retired to the church were addressed by Elder W. M. Kennedy, from Luke 15th chapter and 20th verse. "And he arose and came to his father, but when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

The evening Sermon was preached by Prof. Walters, from John 21st chapter and 17th verse. "He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep." A collection was taken up amounting to about fifty dollars—$49 65. The services were closed with prayer by Elder R. Webb.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 28th.

The Moderator being absent, Elder D. B. Ayres was called to the chair, who proceeded to open the services by reading the 1st chapter of John. Prayer by brother Jno. Monroe.

The report of the committee of Arrangements was read and received.

Appointed Elders G. W. Hill, D. N. Gore, E. D. Johnson and A. R. Pittman a committee on special changes.

The following Query was presented by brother John Monroe and taken into consideration.

QUERY.—Has a minority of the members of a church a right to transfer the house of worship or any of the church property to other parties without the consent of the majority.

It was unanimously answered, No.

The following brethren were re-appointed a committee to examine applicants for the ministry, viz: Elders H. Lennon, P. C. Connelly, G. W. Hill, D. J. Ray, D. B. Ayres, Joel Bennett, A. R. Pittman, R. M. Sessoms and Daniel Boyd.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon, A. P. Pepiton, A. R. Pittman, and brethren T. M. Smith and F. Lennon a committon Colportage to report at next session of this Association.

The committee appointed at last session to visit unrepresented churches was called on to report. Elder G. W. Hill made a verbal report, which was received, and the committee discharged, and the matter referred to the Domestic Missionary Board in order to endeavor to resuscitate those churches.

A petition from the church at Springfield was presented, stating a difficulty between that church and the Labanon church, requesting that a committee be sent to adjust said difficulty. The Association then proceeded to appoint Elders A. R. Pittman, E. D. Johnson and J. P. Lennon to visit those churches and make reconciliation if possible.

The report on Missions was read, and an appeal in behalf of State Missions was made by Elder W. T. Walters, and a collection taken up amounting to twenty-eight dollars ($28 00) in cash, and seventeen dollars ($17 00) by subscription. The report was adopted.

The committee of Finance reported, and was ordered to pay over the funds to the Treasurer.

It was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Mt. Zion, Columbus county, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Oct. 1868.

Elder E. D. Johnson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. P. Lennon, Alternate.

Elder A. P. Repiton to preach the Missionary Sermon at 12 o'clock on Sunday. Elder H. Lennon, Alternate.

Ordered that 2,000 copies of these Minutes be printed, and that the Clerk be instructed to have the printing done at the Biblical Recorder Office.

Ordered that the Clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars ($25 00) for his services.

Ordered that the Clerk be allowed seven dollars and five cents ($7 05) for balance due for printing last year's Minutes.

The Association then gave way for the meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

After the adjournment of the Board, the Association came in session.

Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, and brethren J. W. Ellis and T. S. Memory were appointed an executive committee to whom all unfinished business was referred.

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the church at Pleasant Hill, and the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which the delegates and visitors of this Association have been entertained.

The Assiociation then adjourned.

HAYNES LENNON, MOD'R.

G. W. HILL, *Clerk.*

# PROCEEDINGS

### OF THE

# DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

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SATURDAY, Oct. 26th, 1867.

The Board was called to order by the Chairman.

Elder A. R. Pittman, and brethren J. M. McGougan and Ewen Johnson were appointed a committee of Finance.

The names of the churches were called and the following amounts paid in by churches and individuals.

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| Ashpole, | $25 00 |
| Antioch, per H. Lennon, | 20 55 |
| Back Swamp, | 8 00 |
| Big Branch, per H. Lennon, | 11 50 |
| Mount Eliam, | 2 50 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | 5 00 |
| Beaver Dam, | 5 00 |
| X Roads, per H. Lennon | 22 35 |
| Mount Zion, | 12 75 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 12 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 12 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | 5 00 |
| Sandy Plains, | 4 00 |
| Sweet Home, | 5 00 |
| Western Prong, | 5 00 |
| Whiteville, | 5 60 |
| Hickory Grove, | 7 00 |
| Shady Grove, | 3 00 |
| Shiloh, | 5 00 |
| White Oak, | 5 00 |
| Bethel, | 5 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | 2 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 4 00 |
| New Britain, | 4 50 |
| Shallotte, | 10 00 |
| Bear Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Bug Swamp, | 15 00 |
| Lebanon, | 10 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 10 00 |
| Springfield, | 5 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, per G. W. Hill, | 31 00 |
| Jacob Leggett, " " " | 5 00 |
| J. W. Ellis, per G. W. Hill, | 10 00 |
| Oran Lennon per G. W. Hill | 5 00 |
| Wm, M. Mints, " " " | 2 50 |
| Elder J. P. Lennon, | 1 00 |
| Jno. Monroe, | 5 00 |
| J. W. Rouse, | 10 00 |
| A. R. Pittman | 10 00 |
| Samuel Stone, | 5 00 |
| Robert Inman, | 5 00 |
| Congregation at Pine Log, | 10 00 |
| N. Pittman, | 1 00 |
| Sarah Pittman, | 1 00 |
| Henry Bullock, | 2 00 |
| Francis Bullock, | 1 00 |
| R. Willoughby, | 5 00 |
| J. L. Nance, | 5 00 |
| | 381 35 |

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Chairman, and G. W. Hill, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Missionaries were called on to report.

Elder E. D. Johnson reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Elder J. P. Lennon read his report, which was accepted and ordered to be appended.

It was ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Missionaries according to the labor performed.

On motion, a committee was appointed to engage the services of two Missionaries for the ensuing year, consisting of brethren C. C. Gore, T. M. Smith, Eli Wishart, F. Lennon and John Monroe.

It was agreed that the Missionaries be allowed $1,50 per day.

The Board then adjourned to Monday.

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MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 28.

The Chairman being absent, Elder D. B. Ayres was called to the chair.

The committee appointed to engage Missionaries for the ensuing year made the following report, viz:

That they had obtained the consent of Elder J. P. Lennon, D. N. Gore, D. B. Ayres and G. W. Hill to travel as Missionaries for the ensuing year.

The committee of Finance reported the amount of $381 35 sent up by the churches and paid by individuals.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the balance due for printing these minutes out of the Domestic Missionary fund in hand.

Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, and brethren J. W. Ellis, T. S. Memory and J. M. McGougan were re-appointed an Executive Committee with power to superintend and carry on the Missionary operations of the Board.

Ordered that Elder E. D. Johnson be allowed eight dollars and fifty cents ($8 50) for travelling expenses.

The Board then adjourned.

HAYNES LENNON, CHAIRMAN.

G. W. HILL, *Secretary.*

The following amounts were paid to Elder J. P. Lennon as follows.

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| F. A Prince, | $ 1 00 | F. J. Pierce, | 50 |
| James Gerrald, | 1 00 | J. P. Pierce, | 1 00 |
| Thomas Gerrald, | 1 00 | Jas. P. Pierce, | 1 00 |
| Armiger Prince, | 1 00 | H G. Smith, | 1 00 |
| H. F. Hardee, | 1 00 | S. J. Formyduval, | 1 00 |
| H. M. Anderson, | 1 25 | A P. Daniel, | 5 00 |
| M. Rogers, | 1 00 | L L. Sellers, | 5 00 |
| C. Rogers, | 50 | F. M. Galloway, | 5 00 |
| M. Hardee, | 25 | H. Vann, | 1 00 |
| Sella Blanton, | 25 | Louisa Stanaland, | 50 |
| R. F. Potter, | 25 | M. A. Anderson, | 1 00 |
| Sarah Rogers, | 25 | Arrington Hinson, | 1 00 |
| N. C Anderson, | 25 | Haynes Hinson, | 1 00 |
| Caledonia Anderson, | 25 | E H. Todd, | 1 00 |
| G, C. Rogers, | 50 | L. D Todd, | 1 00 |
| A. G. Hardwick, | 25 | Z. Wright, | 50 |
| Sam Hughes, | 1 00 | Elizabeth Harrelson, | 1 00 |
| William Hughes, | 1 00 | Thomas M. Todd, | 1 00 |
| R. D. Best, | 1 00 | Collection by H. H. Holmes names not given, | 15 00 |
| W. E. Gore, | 1 00 | W. M. Mints, | 2 50 |
| John G. Gore, | 1 00 | | |
| D. Formyduval | 1 00 | | |
| Willis Council, | 50 | | $64 00 |
| A. J. Pierce, | $ 1 50 | | |

The Amount sent up by the Mount Pisgah church was contributed by individuals as follows:

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| R W. Holden, | $5 00 | W. R Sellers, | $1 00 |
| Lorenzo Sellers, | 5 00 | John Swain, | 1 00 |
| Jeremiah Hewett, | 1 00 | Benjamin Gerey, | 1 00 |
| Timothy Peterson, | 1 00 | Elisha Sellers, Sr., | 1 00 |
| Timothy C. Clemmons, | 1 00 | Ann E Hewett, | 2 50 |
| Sarah Arnold, | 1 00 | A. B. Clemmons, | 1 00 |
| Martha Hewett, | 1 00 | George Clemmons, | 1 00 |
| Mary Clemmons, | 1 00 | John J. Hewett, | 1 00 |
| Elvis Holden, | 1 00 | Catharine Clemmons, | 1 00 |
| Rebecca Caison, | 2 50 | | |
| Amelia Hewett, | 1 00 | | $31 00 |

Statement of the amount collected by Elder E D. Johnson for Foreign Missions and paid over to Prof. W. T. Walters.

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| Bear Swamp, | $7 50 |
| Back Swamp, | 6 25 |
| Hickory Grove, | 6 85 |
| | $20 50 |

Amounts subscribed and paid to Prof. W. T. Walters, on Monday, for State Missions.

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| John Monroe, | $5 00 | J L Nance, | 3 00 |
| J W Gore, | 5 00 | D B Ayers, | 1 00 |
| T M Smith, | 5 00 | E D Johnson, | 1 00 |
| Hosea Cook, | 2 00 | J F Ward, | 1 00 |
| A F Powel, paid, | 5 00 | L D Todd, | 50 |
| E Johnson, | 5 00 | N Mercer, | 1 00 |
| J M M Gore, | 1 00 | Sundries, | 3 50 |
| J P Lennon, | 5 00 | | |
| E B Ford, | 1 00 | | $45 00 |

Amount paid Elder R. Webb for Southern Domestic Missions, out of Sabbath collection, $25 00

# APPENDIX.

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## REPORT OF ELDER J. P. LENNON.

Dear Brethren :—I entered my field of labor soon after my appointment by the Executive Committee of the Board in the Southern part of the Association where I found some of the churches destitute of preaching.

I found the people anxious to hear the word preached, and received solicitations to preach in destitute places where there were no baptist churches. My appointments have been well attended and more than usual interest manifested on the subject of religion. I have travelled 139 days including the rest days allowed by the Board and preached 115 sermons, baptized 43 persons and left others awaiting the ordinance.

I have met with considerable difficulty in many instances in attending my appointments on account of high water and have not been able to perform that amount of labor I otherwise would have done in consequence of a very severe attack of typhoid fever in the midst of my labors.

Dear brethren, the field is truly inviting and in view of the destitution and the desire manifested to hear the word preached, I would recommend that the Board would employ two missionaries at least to travel regularly, and would say further that owing to the high price of the necessaries of life that the compensation allowed is too small to enable the missionary to devote himself entirely to the work. I have received $64,00 in money and obtained subscriptions to the amount of a little over $300,00 most of which I think can be collected. I think if acceptable missionaries are sent they will be sustained in their field of labor.

In conclusion, dear brethren permit me to return my thanks to you for the confidence reposed in me as your missionary and to the brethren and friends for the cordial manner in which I have been received whilst engaged in my field of labor.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. P. LENNON.

## REPORT OF ELDER E. D. JOHNSON.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In compliance with your appointment, I commenced my labors as a missionary on the 27th day of May 1867, and travelled 21 days including rest days, preached 19 sermons and received two or three candidates for baptism, but owing to an accident I failed to meet all my appointments. The churches I visited seemed anxious that the missionary should continue among them.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. JOHNSON.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools submit the following.

This subject has been written on so often and yet so little accomplished that we know not what can be said that will induce our churches to enter heart and soul into this important work. They are neglected by parents, guardians, church members and even by ministers and this neglect is causing scores of children to grow up in ignorance of biblical knowledge that might be made wise in the Sciiptures of truth, and thereby made competent to fill high and distinguished positions in the Sanctuary of God, let us neglect this noble work no longer but endeavor to impart that instruction to the rising generation that will fit them for usefulness as they grow up that they may the better fill our places in the house of God that we must soon vacate. In view of the foregoing we recommend the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the pastoral supply of each church in this Association be requested to organize (if possible) a Bible class in their respective churches superintended by themselves.

*Resolved* further that each church be recommended to use their influence in behalf of the course suggested, and add thereto a Sabbath School for the instruction of small children and that these organizations meet and recite their studies at least once in a month at their church meetings.

*Resolved* finally, that each church be requested to report on this matter to each session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. PITTMAN,
R. M. McRACKAN, } Com
N. MILLIKEN,

## REPORT ON MISSIONS,

Your Committee are happy to see the efforts made by this body to supply the destitution in its bounds, much has been done, and much more remains to be done, the cry comes up from all parts of your bounds, "send us the Missionary."

We desire to call the attention of this body to the work of the State Missionary Society, organized for the whole State, to supply the destitution (as fast as they can get men and money) from the mountains to the seaboard.

Also to the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, Domestic and Indian and Foreign. The first for the purpose of supplying destitute churches and stations in the south from Maryland to Mexico, among the whites and blacks and the Indians of the West. The last or Foreign for the purpose of sending out Missionaries to China and Africa. Brethren give to these efforts your most earnest prayers and liberal contributions.

R. WEBB, Chm'n.

*Resolved*, That each church in the bounds of this Association take up one or more collections for Missions and send up the amount to the annual meeting, and also state in their letter to which of the Missions they wish their funds applied.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals submit the following:

We feel that it would be a reflection on the intelligence of this body to argue the benefits to be derived from reading a religious newspaper, we therefore offer the following considerations.

1st. The BIBLICAL RECORDER is the organ of the Baptist of North Carolina and is therefore the only medium of general communication among us.

2. It is at present ably conducted by its efficient corps of editors and is in the judgment of your Committee worthy of a very liberal patronage and support.

We therefore most earnestly recommend our brethren to see to it that the RECORDER is widely circulated in every church and community in this Association. We also recommend *Kind Words*, a small Sunday School paper published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Greenville, S. C.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chm'n.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Your Committee on Special Changes have no obituary notices to report except those embraced in the Digest. We would however call your attention to the general disaffection of the colored membership.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL, Chm'n.

## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

*Ashpole.*—Appears to be in a prosperous condition and has experienced refreshing seasons during the greater part of the year; has enjoyed the pastoral labors of Elder A. R. Pittman the past year and engaged the services of Elder P. C. Connelly the ensuing. Twenty-eight added by baptism.

*Antioch.*—Has been under the pastoral care of Elder H. Lennon for the last twenty-five years. Peace and love abounds. Has a Bible class conducted by the Pastor.

*Big Branch.*—Expresses coldness. Mourns the loss of her Pastor who preached for them many years. Eight added by baptism.

*Back Swamp.*—Has large and attentive congregations. Complains of coldness. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor.

*Lumberton.*—Is in a cold and almost lifeless state. Has no Pastor.

*Mount Eliam.*—Nothing special. Elder J. Stone is Pastor.

*Raft Swamp.*—Expresses nothing interesting. Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor.

*Zion's Tabernacle.*—Has experienced an interesting meeting of nine days. Elder R. M. Sessoms is Pastor. Sixteen added by baptism.

*Beaver Dam.*—Has experienced no special change, has been supplied with preaching by Elder D. J Ray.

*Cherry Grove.*—Has had a cheering revival. Twenty-nine added by baptism Elder Zadoc Bullock, Pastor.

*Cross Roads.*—Has been under the pastoral care of Elder H. Lennon the past year. Nine added by baptism.

*Iron Hill Cross Roads.*—Nothing special. Has been under the pastoral care of Elder Z. Bullock the past year.

*Macedonia.*—Has been destitute of a Pastor during a part of the past year, but has engaged the services of Elder Isham Stone for the ensuing.

*Mount Sinai.*—Nothing special. Has been supplied with preaching the past year by Elder R. F. Marlow and Z. Bullock. No supply for the ensuing year.

*Mount Tabor.*—Rejoices in a gracious revival of religion. Has been under the pastoral care of Elders R. F. Marlow the past year. Twelve added by baptism.

*Mount Zion.*—Has enjoyed peace and harmony the past year. Has an interesting Sabbath School. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

*Pleasant Hill.*—Is rejoicing in a great revival. Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor. Twenty-one added by baptism.

*Pleasant Plain.*—Is in a prosperous condition. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

*Porter Swamp.*—Has enjoyed an interesting meeting, during which several were received for baptism. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

*Seven Creeks.*—Nothing important. Enjoyed the pastoral labors of Elder R. F. Marlow the past year.

*Sandy Plains.*—Has large and attentive congregations. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

*Sweet Home.*—No change. Enjoyed the pastoral services of Elder G. W. Hill the past year.

*White Marsh.*—Expresses nothing cheering. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

*Western Prong.*—Nothing important. Elder G. W. Hill was the pastoral supply the past year.

*Whiteville.*—No change. Elder J. W. Dixon was the pastoral supply the past year.

*Hickory Grove.*—Is under the pastoral care of Elder E. D. Johnson, whose labors appear to be blessed. They mourn the loss of their brethren Elias Edwards and Wm. C. Sikes, who were two of the first members when the church was organized. Seventeen added by baptism.

*Paradise.*—Enjoys peace and harmony, and is under the pastoral care of Elder J. W. Dixon.

*Shady Grove.*—Nothing important. Enjoys the pastoral services of Elder James Cashwell the past year.

*Shiloh.*—Is rejoicing in a glorious revival. Has been supplied with preaching by Elders Edward Martin and W. S. Melvin the past year.

*White Lake.*—Nothing special. Elder J. W. Diseon is the pastoral supply.

*White Oak.*—Has large and attentive congregations. Has enjoyed the pastoral services of Elder F. Prevatt the past year

*Bethel.*—Has no Pastor. Has been visited by the Missionary.

*Bryan's Chapel.*—Has no Pastor. Has enjoyed the labors of the Missionary.

*Cheerful Hope.*—Is destitute of a Pastor. Has been supplied with preaching by the Missionary.

*Mill Creek.*—Has been blessed with an interesting revival. Elder John Harrelson is Pastor. Twenty-five added by baptism.

*Mount Pisgah.*—Reports no special change. Has been supplied with preaching by Elder W. M. Mints the past year.

*New Britain.*—Nothing important. Elder Joel Bennett is Pastor.

*Shallotte.*—Appears to be emerging from her difficulties and rejoices in the brightening prospect ahead. Has been supplied with preaching the past year by Elders Wm. M. Mints and B. G. Sellers. Has an interesting Sabbath School. Seventeen added by baptism.

*Bear Swamp.*—Communicates nothing special. Complains of coldness. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor.

*Hay's Swamp.*—Expresses nothing cheering. Has been visited by Elders N. Martin, D. B. Ayres and Henry Davis, who have preached to them. Appears to be destitute of a Pastor.

*Piney Grove*, Marion Dist.—No change. Elder F. Prevatt is pastoral supply.

*Bug Swamp.*—Has experienced a cheering revival. Elder Z. Bullock is pastoral supply. Thirty-four added by baptism.

*Bethlehem.*—Communicates no change of importance. Has had the word faithfully preached to them by Elder Z. Bullock, their pastoral supply.

*Honey Camp*—Has been in a cold and helpless condition for several years past, but seems to be reviving. Has had but little preaching and request the Missionary to be sent to them.

*Lebanon.*—Complains of difficulties. Has been very well supplied with preaching, and experienced a cheering revival. Elder Daniel Boyd is Pastor. Twenty-nine added by baptism.

*Oak Grove.*—Communicates nothing important. Elder Z. Bullock is pastoral supply. Ten added by baptism.

*Salem.*—Elder Z. Bullock is pastoral supply, whose labors have been blessed. Twenty-four added by baptism.

*Spring Branch.*—This church appears to be in the midst of a glorious revival. Elder Z. Bullock is pastoral supply. Twenty added by baptism.

*Springfield*—Appears to be emerging from the difficulties with which she has been surrounded, and is rejoicing in a cheering revival. Elder D. N. Gore is the pastoral supply. Six has been added by baptism.

*United Churches.*—Has been visited with a very pleasing revival. Has been supplied with preaching by Elder Z. Bullock. Has no pastor Twenty added by baptism.

*Antioch*, Horry Dist.—This is a newly constituted church, of which twenty-four appear to have been added by baptism.

NOTE.—Church letters should be plainly written, and not too long; should be to the point and state the actual condition of the church and such changes worthy of note as have taken place during the year. Make out your statistical table in the same order as that in the minutes with the amount of the Association fund, and amount sent up to the Board attached. Let it be distinctly stated to which of the different objects funds are sent up, whether paid to the Missionary or otherwise.

Churches should invariably appoint their ministers as Delegates, and insist upon their attendance at our Association, or send up their most intelligent and influential members to represent them. State in your church letters whether there is a Sabbath School or Bible class in the church or not, and the number of Teachers and Scholars in regular attendance. If you have not a Sabbath School in the church or neighborhood, go to work, brethren, and organize one and report next Association. It is the duty of your Pastor and the Missionary to aid you in this good work.

G. W. H.

## REPORT OF ELDER G. W. HILL.

G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in account with the Cape Fear Baptist Association.

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| Dr. | | |
| | To amount sent up by the churches, | $136 85 |
| Cr. | To balance due for printing last year's Minutes, | 7 05 |
| | Ditto for printing this year's Minutes, | 110 00 |
| | " Amount allowed Clerk for services, | 25 00 |
| | | $142 05 |
| | Leaving a deficit of | $5 20 |

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G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in account with the Domestic Missionary Board

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| Dr. | To amount remaining in Treasurer's hands last year, | $338 03 |
| | Do. sent up by the churches and paid by individuals, | 381 35 |
| | Do. balance of Sabbath Collection, | 24 65 |
| | | $744 03 |
| Cr | By amount paid Elder J. P. Lennon, | 208 45 |
| | Do Paid E D. Johnson, | 40 00 |
| | Do. Balance due for printing Minutes, | 5 20 |
| | | $253 65 |
| | Balance in Treasurer's hands, | $490 38 |

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| D B Ayres, | Lumberton, Robeson county, N C |
| Joel Bennett, | Shallotte, Brunswick, county, |
| Daniel Boyd, | Conwayborugh, Horry Dist S C |
| Zadoc Bullock, | Fair Bluff, Columbus county, N C |
| James Cashwell, | Bladensboro, Bladen county, |
| P C Connelly, | Montpelier, Richmond county, |
| J W Dixon, | Bogue Swamp, Columbus, |
| D N Gore, | Whiteville, Columbus county, |
| G W Hill, | " " |
| John Harrelson, | Shallotte, Brunswick county, |
| E D Johnson, | Lumberton, Robeson county, |
| Haynes Lennon, | Peacock's Store, Columbus, |
| J P Lennon, | Robeson's P O, Brunswick, |
| M R Martin, | Conwayboro, Horry Dist S C, |
| Normon Martin, | Lumberton, Robeson county, N C |
| Edward Martin, | Elizabethtown, Bladen, |
| Noah Mercer, | Lumberton, Robeson, |
| W S Melvin, | Elizabethtown, Bladen, |
| W M Mints, | Shallotte, Brunswick, |
| Nathan Milliken, | " " |
| A R Pitman, | Lumberton, Robeson, |
| Forney Prevatt, | " " |
| D J Ray, | Whiteville, Columbus, |
| J M Register, | Elizabethtown, Bladen, |
| R M Sessoms, | " " |
| Isham Stone, | Lumberton, Robeson county, |

## LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Zechariah Carter, | Lumberton, Robeson county, N C |
| Henry Davis, | " " " |
| J W Gore, | Whiteville, Columbus county, |
| H H Homes, | Conwayboro, Horry District, S C, |
| John Mears, | Whiteville, Columbus county, N C |
| S B Robbins, | Smithville, Brunswick county, |
| B G Sellers, | Shallotte, Brunswick county, |
| Joshua Sowles, | Whiteville, Columbus county, |
| Richard Prince | " " " |
| Needham Stevens, | " " " |
| J R Thompson, | Conwayboro, Horry District, S C, |
| William Willetts, | Smithville, Brunswick county, N C |

The names of Ministers both ordained and licensed have been given as far as could be ascertained. If the names of any have been overlooked or the Post Office incorrectly given, let it be stated in the church letters to the next session of the Association, and the correction will be made in the minutes.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed | Excluded. | Dead. | Colored. | Total. | Association Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robeson County. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | A. R. PITTMAN, *P. C. CONNELLY, *Joseph Thompson, | 28 | 1 | | 6 | 11 | 2 | 113 | 285 | $ 5 00 |
| Antioch, | *J. A. Rosier, Eli Wishart, H. Pittman. | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | | 7 | 183 | 3 85 |
| Big Branch, | J. F. Ward, *J. P. Barnes, Jesse Flowers. | 8 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 6 | | 7 | 171 | 5 00 |
| Back Swamp, | E. D. JOHNSON, H. B. Howell, J. L. Nance. | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 7 | | 32 | 199 | 4 00 |
| Lumberton, | H. T. Pope, Jno Hill, J. A. Phillips. | | | | | | | | 40 | 1 15 |
| Mount Eliam, | *ISHAM STONE, Sam. Stone, *E. J. Britt. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 106 | 2 10 |
| Pleasant Grove, | Not represented. Total in 1866. | | | | | | | | 112 | |
| Raft Swamp, | *Jas. P. Davis, F. Davis, W. M. Bagget. | 3 | | | 8 | | | | 71 | 2 00 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | NOAH MERCER, *Thos. Allen, *Alfred Allen. | 16 | | 1 | | | | 1 | 73 | 2 10 |
| Columbus County. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | E. White, J. M. Hinson, G. W. Sellers. | | | 1 | 1 | 10 | 1 | | 124 | 3 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | *Joshua Sowles*, E. Strickling, B. Coleman. | 29 | 3 | 1 | | | | 6 | 85 | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads. | H. LENNON, F. Lennon, C. Porter. | 9 | 5 | | | 1 | 1 | | 169 | 5 60 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | J. L. Powel, Samuel Gerrald. | 5 | | 3 | 5 | 1 | | | 74 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | Richard Noble, *D. Shaw, *W. J. Griffin. | 4 | | | | | | 22 | 85 | 2 00 |
| Mount Moriah, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Sinai, | L. D. Todd, *Colin White, J. W. White. | 7 | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 73 | 3 00 |
| Mount Tabor, | Eli Watts, A. Prince, Alva Sowles. | 12 | 6 | 10 | 3 | | | | 72 | 2 00 |
| Mount Zion, | T. M. Smith, Oran Lennon, E. Creach. | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 103 | 4 75 |
| Pleasant Hill, | J. O. Quin, Uz. Wood, J. W. Tedder, | 21 | 2 | | 1 | 6 | | 25 | 125 | 3 00 |
| Pleasaut Plain, | G. W. HILL, C. C. Gore, J. W. Harrelson. | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 66 | 204 | 3 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | D. F. Williamson, A. F. Powel, J. C. Carroll. | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | 21 | 127 | 3 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | *James Long, *D. R. Gore, M. J. Stevens. | 4 | | 2 | 18 | 4 | 2 | | 67 | 1 50 |
| Sandy Plains, | John Chancey, *Duncan Green. | 6 | | | | 2 | | | 76 | 3 00 |
| Sweet Home, | A. M. Gore, James Ward, J. H. Standley. | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | | 4 | 48 | 1 00 |
| Western Prong, | J. C. Powel, Lennon Jordan, A. High. | 1 | 4 | | 5 | 2 | | 15 | 62 | 2 25 |
| White Marsh, | John Creach, *J. G. Batten, J. W. Rouse. | | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 80 | 154 | 5 00 |

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| Whiteville, | G. Prigden, Jno. Best, R. M. McRackan. | | | | | | | 16 | 37 | 2 50 |
| Bladen County, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessoms, Ewen Johnson, *Allen Edwards. | 17 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 60 | 215 | 5 00 |
| Paradise, | J. M. Register, J. W. Dixon, W. Register. | 3 | 1 | | | 3 | 2 | | 91 | 2 00 |
| Shady Grove, | C. T. Cashwell, John J. Thompson, F. Thompson. | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 81 | 3 75 |
| Shiloh, | *Peter Monroe, Evan Ellis, S. McGee. | 62 | | 1 | 5 | 2 | | | 168 | 3 00 |
| White Lake, | J. G. Sutton, *Jas. Carrol, Monroe Peterson. | | | | 3 | | 2 | 33 | 102 | 3 00 |
| White Oak, | *W. S. Melvin, E. Martin, John Monroe. | 1 | 12 | | | 2 | 1 | | 74 | 2 25 |
| Brunswick County. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel, | By letter. | | | | | | 1 | | 36 | 1 50 |
| Beulah, | Not represented. Total in 1864. | | | | | | | | 35 | 1 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | By letter. | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 35 | |
| Cheerful Hope, | *J. B. Ellis, J. J. Woodcock. | | | | 14 | | | | 49 | 1 00 |
| Friendship, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek, | Joseph Gore, *S. B. Robbins.* | 25 | | 4 | | | 2 | | 71 | 1 50 |
| Mount Pisgah, | By Letter. | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | 11 | 75 | 3 00 |
| New Britain, | [illegible]. B. Ayers, *D. B. McKeithen, N. Milliken. | 1 | 8 | | 2 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 130 | 1 50 |
| Shallotte, | R. J. Long, S. J. Standley, J. J. Hawse. | 17 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 16 | 84 | 3 00 |
| Union, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marion District, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | E. B. Ford, T. W. Ayers, *T. P. Watson. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 44 | 237 | 5 00 |
| Hay's Swamp, | R. Willoughby, Q. Jackson, *J. J. McCall. | | | | | | | | 15 | 1 00 |
| Piney Grove, | S. Harrelson, A. Anderson, J. M. Anderson. | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 127 | 3 00 |
| Horry District. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | Samuel Jerrett, C. J. Prince. | 24 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 32 | 1 55 |
| Bethlehem, | J. J. Hardy, *J. S. Ganus, B. Milligan. | 5 | | | | 6 | | 1 | 44 | 2 25 |
| Bug Swamp, | *H. H. Holmes*, N. J. Boothe, *Jno. Boothe. | 34 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 65 | 3 00 |
| Honey Camp, | R. C. Powel, J. M. Powel, Wilson Harrelson. | | | | 39 | 3 | 15 | • | 43 | 2 00 |
| Lebanon, | J. R. Gerrald, F. A. Prince, H. M. Anderson. | 29 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 4 | | 11 | 136 | 2 00 |
| Little River, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oak Grove, | Philip Folk, G. Prince. | 10 | 2 | | | | | | 34 | 1 50 |
| Salem, | H. G. Brown, *G. Mishow, *M. Mishow. | 24 | | 2 | | | | 5 | 58 | 2 00 |
| Spring Branch, | J. M. McGougan, C. Worley, C. Williamson. | 20 | | 2 | 4 | 1 | | 22 | 150 | 3 00 |
| Spring Field, | Sam. Hughes, *R D. Best, Sam. Hickman. | 6 | | | 2 | 5 | 1 | | 88 | 2 25 |
| Piney Grove, | Not represented. Total in 1860. | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| United Churches, | Joseph A. Owens, W. T. Todd, J. R. Stevens. | 20 | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 15 | 92 | 2 00 |
| | | 486 | 102 | 59 | 172 | 135 | 57 | 708 | 5,303 | $136 85 |

Note.—The names of delegates absent are designated by a *.

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# PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23d, 1868.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. D Johnson from the 40th chapter of Isaiah, 31st verse.

Prayer by Elder J P. Lennon.

After an intermission of twenty minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read the 3d chapter of 1 John.

Prayer was offered by Elder A. R. Pitman.

The list of the churches was called, a majority being present, the Moderator announced brother John Monroe, J. G Sutton and D. F. Williams a committee on Finance.

Elder A. R. Pitman and brother T. M. Smith were requested to act as Reading Clerks.

The Church letters were called for and read.

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill, Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to corresponding delegates, whereupon Elder E. Davis from the Cedar Creek Association, Elder B. G. Covington from the Pee Dee, Elder W. T. Walters, Agent of the Baptist State Convention for State Missions, and Elder Wm. Royall, Agent of Education for Wake Forest College, came forward and were welcomed to seats.

An invitation was extended to newly constituted churches desiring to connect themselves with this body. Whereupon petitions were presented from the Waccamaw church, Columbus County, N. C.; Antioch and Livingston Chapel, Brunswick County; and the church at Mason Boro, New Hanover County, N. C. After which, upon satisfactory evidence having been given in regard to the orthodoxy of said churches, they were unanimously received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the Delegates.

The officers of this body were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees.

*To Supply the Stand.*—Eli Wishart, Ewen Johnson, O. Lennon, T. M. Smith and M. Powell.

*On Vigilance.*--O. Lennon, B. High, E. Creech, A. High and John C. Means.

*On Missions.*—Elders W. T. Walters, D. B. Ayres and bro. W. A. Memory.

*On Periodicals.*—Elders A. R. Pitman, D. N. Gore and bro. John Creech.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—Elders D. B. Ayres, J. P. Lennon and J. W. Dickson.

*On Baptist State Convention.*—Elders Wm. Royall, R. M. Sessoms and T. M. Smith.

*On Queries.*—Elders J. W Dickson, D. J. Ray, W. T. Walters, Wm. Royall and H. Lennon.

*To Select Corresponding Messengers.*—Jno. Monroe, John F. Grantham and Jas. P. Barnes

Adjourned till Saturday morning 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder E. Davis.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24th.

The services were opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer: Elder W. T. Walters leading.

The Minutes were read and corrected.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the Moderator.

The Invitation to Corresponding Messengers was renewed.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements was read, and adopted as the order of the day.

The Report on Periodicals was read---after remarks by Elders W. T. Walters, B. G. Covington and D. C. Ayres, in favor of the "*Biblical Recorder*" and "*Kind Words.*" It was adopted.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read; and remarks were made by Elders W. Royall and W. T. Walters in which the Sabbath School Depository, Superintended by J. K. Howell, Raleigh, N. C., was recommended as worthy of patronage. The Report was adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

A Committee was appointed consisting of brethren T. S Memory, A.F. Powell, J. W. Ellis and T. M. Smith to consider the propriety of appointing a Sabbath School Board, and also to nominate said Board if they shall consider it expedient,

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

The Association came in session.

It was agreed that the next session of this body meet with the Baptist church at Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1869. Services to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Elder D. N. Gore to preach the Introductory Sermon and D. J. Ray, alternate.

Elder H. Lennon, to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath, and Elder A. R. Pitman, alternate.

It was ordered that one half of the Sabbath Collection be paid to Elder W. T. Walters for State Missions, and the balance to the Domestic Missionary Board.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. Royall.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 25th.

The day was pleasant, and the congregation attentive. The morning sermon was preached by Elder Wm. Royall from the 7th chapter and 5th verse of Amos.

"Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee; by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small."

Elder W. T. Walters followed, and preached the Missionary Sermon from the 14th chapter of Exodus and 15th verse. "And the Lord said unto Moses. Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward:" at the conclusion a collection was taken up for Missions, amounting to $54 49.

Elder A. R. Pitman preached the evening Sermon from the 4th chapter and 5th verse of 2 Corinthians, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." The days services closed in a very feeling and happy manner.

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MONDAY, OCT. 26th.

The list of the churches was called, a majority being present, the services were opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer, Elder Covington leading.

The Invitation to Corresponding Delegates and visiting brethren was renewed, whereupon brother Jas Humphrey, from the Cedar Creek Association, came forward and accepted a seat.

The Committee to select Corresponding Messengers was called for, and made the following Report:

To visit the Pe Dee Association.—Elders P. C. Connelly, N. Marten, and brethren T. W. Ayres, H. B. Howell and Jacob Thompson.

Elder A. R. Pitman to write the Corresponding Letter. This Association meets with the church at New Union, Montgomery County, N. C., on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in October 1869.

To the Cedar Creek Association, Elders H. Lennon, A. R. Pitman. D. B. Ayres, W. S. Melvin, and brethren Berry Godwin and Eli Wishart. Elder H. Lennon to write the letter of Correspondence. This Association meets with the Cape Fear church, Cumberland county, N. C., on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1869.

To the Welsh Neck Association, Elders G. W. Hill, D. J Ray, and brethren E. B. Ford, A. F. Powell and J. M. McGougan. Elder G. W. Hill to write the Corresponding letter. This body meets with the church at Mispah, Marion County, S. C. on Saturday before the 2nd Lords day in November, 1868.

To the Eastern Association,—Elders J. P. Lennon, J. W. Gore, J. M. Register, J. W. Dickson, D. N. Gore, and brethren J. G. Sutton and M. Peterson. Elder D. N. Gore to write the Corresponding letter. This Association convenes with the church at Lisbon, on Tuesday after the 1st Sabbath in Oct. 1869.

The Committee on Queries made the following Report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Queries have had the same under consideration, and would most respectfully say:

1. The query from Ashpole church under existing circumstances requires no further answer than the observance of the directions given at our last Association for the colored membership.

2. Relative to the Query from the Pleasant Grove church: we would most emphatically say, that ministers leaving our churches and connecting themselves with other denominations forfeit their Credentials: also those coming from other communions to ours, are required to conform to regulations prescribed for the admission of other applicants to membership.

COMMITTEE.

The Report on Missions was read, adopted and ordered to to be appended to the minutes.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediecny of organizing a Sabbath School Board was called upon to report. The Report was read and atter remarks by Elders Covington and Pitman, and brethren J. W. Ellis, A. F. Powell and J. L. Westcoat was adopted, and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

The Report on Baptist State Convention was read, and Elder Wm. Royall, invited to address the Association on the subject of his mission. He then proceeded to offer some very interesting remarks in favor of Wake Forest College in which he was joined by Elder Covington and J. W. Ellis. A collection was taken up amounting to $29.35. The Report was adopted.

The Report on Colportage was read and adopted.

Ordered that 2,000 copies of these Minutes be printed.

The Clerk was allowed $25.00 for his services.

A petition was presented in favor of Caleb Spivey (late a member and deacon of Mount Sinai church, but had been excluded on account of charges prefered against him) requesting that a council should be sent to investigate his case, whereupon a committee was appointed, consisting of Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, D. J. Ray and brethren R. M. McRackan C. C. Gore and A. F. Powell, to visit said church and investigate the matter.

The report of the Committee of Finance was read and received.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The Association came in session.

The following brethren were re-appointed a eommittee to examine applicants for the ministry, viz: Elders H. Lennon, P. C. Connelly, G. W. Hill, D. J. Ray, D. B. Ayres, Joel Bennett, A. R. Pitman, R. M. Sessoms and Daniel Boyd.

Appointed Elders A. R. Pitman, D. J. Ray and J. W. Gore a Committee to visit the Lebanon, church and investigate certain matters referred to by Elder Wm. M. Mints in the Association.

On application a letter of dismission was granted to the Shiloh church for the purpose of connecting themselves with Cedar Creek Association.

All unfinished business was referred to the officers of the Association.

On motion of brother J. W. Ellis it was unanimously,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due, and hereby tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for the acceptable manner in which they have conducted the business of this body, and to the citizens in the vicinity of Mt. Zion church for the kind and hospitable manner they have entertained the members and visitors of this Association.

The Association then adjourned to the time and place agreed upon.

After which the Brethren joined in singing,
"Blest be the tie that binds, &c.,"
The Moderator leading in prayer.

Thus closed one of the most pleasant and harmonious sessions of the Cape Fear Association.

HAYNES LENNON, Mod'r.

G. W. Hill, Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS

### OF THE

# DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Board was called to order by the Chairman, who proceeded to read the Constitution of this body.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee of Finance, viz: J. C. Carrol, A. F. Powell and T. S. Memory.

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Chairman, and Eld. G. W. Hill, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Reports of the Missionaries were called for, read and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

The list of churches was called, and the following amounts paid in respectively.

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|---|---|
| Ashpole, | $5 00 |
| Antioch, | 22 25 |
| Big Branch, | 12 25 |
| Back Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Lumberton, | 5 50 |
| Cherry Grove, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 20 00 |
| Mount Zion, | 7 50 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Plain, | 10 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | 5 00 |
| Sandy Plains, | 5 00 |
| Western Prong, | 10 00 |
| White Marsh, | 10 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 5 00 |
| Shady Grove, | 2 50 |
| Whiteville, | 5 00 |
| Shiloh, | 3 70 |
| White Oak, | 10 00 |
| Bethel, | 5 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 3 25 |
| New Britain, | 5 00 |
| Shallote, | 5 25 |
| Bear Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Hayes' Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Piny Grove, (Horry C'ty.) per Eld. G. W. Hill, | 5 00 |
| Oak Grove, | 3 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 30 00 |
| United Churches, per Eld. G. W. Hill, | 2 55 |
| Livingston Chapel, | 5 00 |
| Waccamaw, | 5 00 |
| P. C. Connelly, old subscription, | 5 00 |
| J P. Davis, | 1 00 |
| R. J. Long, (for 1867.) | 5 00 |
| W. J. Stanley, per G. W. Hill, | 1 00 |
| Miss Nicy Ross, " " | 50 |
| William Hughs, | 1 00 |
| R. D. Best, | 1 00 |
| W. E. Gore, | 1 00 |
| W. Hardee per Eld. D. N. Gore, | 1 00 |
| T. S. Memory, | 5 00 |
| A. F. Powell, | 5 00 |
| J. L. Nance, | 5 00 |
| H. Lennon, | 5 00 |
| J. W. Ellis, | 10 00 |
| Total, | $289 55 |

Elder A. R. Pitman reported 8 days service in filling appointments for Elder D. N. Gore.

Also Elder E. D. Johnson 4 days for the same.

It was ordered that they be allowed the usual pay for those services.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That no payment for services by Itinerants will hereafter be paid unless the report of service be accompanied with a written engagement entered into by the Itinerant with the Board or Executive Committee.

*Resolved*, That an Executive Committee of five be appointed with discretionary power as to price they will pay our Itinerants, and that H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, T. S. Memory, J. W. Ellis and J. M. McGougan be appointed said Committee.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Missionaries according to their Reports, as the funds in hand will allow.

The Board then adjourned to meet on Monday.

MONDAY, OCT. 26.

The Board came in Session.

The Committee of Finance reported, and the report was ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Brother Levi Grainger was recognized as a life member of the Board from Spring Branch church.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board then adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting of the Cape Fear Association.

HAYNES LENNON, CHM'N.

G. W. HILL, Sect'y.

# APPENDIX.

### REPORT OF ELDER J. P. LENNON.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The time has again arrived, when it becomes me as one of your Missionaries to submit to you my annual report.

It was with great reluctance that I left my family without a comfortable home to shelter them from the inclemency of the weather. Shortly after the last session of our Association, my dwelling house having caught fire and burned up. But feeling so strong a desire for the salvation of sinners resting upon me, I proceeded at once to the field of my labors; I have traveled two hundred and twenty-eight days, (228) including rest days allowed by the Board; preached 217 sermons; baptised 123 persons; assisted in the ordination of one Minister, and in the organization of two churches.

I made arrangements with my much esteemed brother and co-laborer in the field, Elder G. W. Hill, to assist me in a protracted meeting at the Old Mount Moriah Church, during which eight persons were received and baptised upon a profession of faith. We then proceeded to reorganize the church, and would hereby recommend them to your special care. I have received from Churches and individuals the following amounts—from the

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|---|---|
| New Britain Church, | $3 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | 3 00 |
| Joseph Stanaland, | 1 00 |
| Moses Hewit, | 1 00 |
| Jeremiah Hewit, | 1 00 |
| T. C. Clemens, | 1 00 |
| Jesse Lancaster, | 1 00 |
| R. W. Holden, | 1 00 |
| G. W. Grey, | 50 |
| J. F Cason, | 25 |
| F. M. Galloway, | 2 00 |
| Dennis Cannon, | 1 00 |
| Dempsy Arnold, | 25 |
| P. T. Stanaland, | 1 00 |
| J. S. Pierce, | 1 00 |
| J J. Edwards, | 1 00 |
| A. J. Formyduval, | 1 00 |
| A. J. Potter, | 1 00 |
| Emily E. Harrelson, | 1 00 |
| A. P. Daniel, | 3 00 |
| Daniel Murril, | 1 00 |
| | $26 00 |
| From sundry other persons, | 6 00 |
| | $32 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. P LENNON.

The amount sent up from the church at Shallotte was contributed by individuals as follows:

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| Samuel Frink, | $1 50 |
| Ibish Frink, | 1 00 |
| Henry Gore, | 50 |
| Ezekial Hawes, | 50 |
| John M. Long, | 50 |
| A. K. McKeithan, | 50 |
| John H. Mints, | 25 |
| J. M. Stanley, | 50 |
| | $5 25 |

## REPORT OF ELDER G. W. HILL.

Dear Brethren:—Soon after my appointment by the Domestic Missionary Board, I entered the field of labor assigned me by the Executive Committee in the Northern part of the Association—where the churches were all supplied with Pastors with one exception. I found the churches in an ordinary condition. My appointments were generally as well attended as could be expected for week day preaching. During this time I made one tour in brother J. P. Lennon's circuit, after which by the direction of the Executive Committee, I visited and spent the balance of the year, mostly in the southwestern part of the Association, in the Counties of Columbus and Horry; where I found more necessity for Missionary labor, and in some instances, more indifference and coldness to the subject of religion, and more opposition to our cause and benevolent institutions.

With the exception of two months, I have devoted all the time I could spare, outside of my Pastoral engagements. I have traveled 176 days including the rest days allowed, preached 130 sermons, traveled about 1800 miles baptized 22 persons, assisted in the ordination of Elders J. N. Gore and H. H. Homes, and one deacon, also assisted in the re-organization of the Mt. Moriah church, and in constituting the Waccamaw church, and have aided in some very interesting protracted meetings. While engaged in my Missionary labors, I have not only endeavored to arouse sinners to see their danger and the necessity of repentance—but also to awake those from their lethargy and lukewarm state, who are at ease in Zion, and living in neglect of christian duty, and stimulate them to zeal and activity in the cause of Christ. In conclusion dear brethren, while we have great cause for gratitude to God, for the success that has attended our exertions, much remains to be done, especially in the southern part of our Association. We need energetic and zealous Missionaries, so that our efforts should not be regarded as occasional or transitory but a permanent and well organized institution, exerting its benign and happy influences, until " The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them ; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL.

## REPORT OF ELDER D. N. GORE.

Dear Brethren:—Pursuant to agreement, I commenced my Missionary labors about the first day of November last, and traveled regularly up to the first day of March, at which time I was induced to stop for a time, from the fact that most of the churches assigned to me were well supplied. I again resumed my labors about the middle of August, and although in a different field from the one I occupied in the early part of the season, I have passed through some cheering scenes, and traveled 79 days for the Board, preached 127 sermons, baptized 82 persons, assisted in the ordination of 2 deacons, and restored to fellowship a considerable number. Now in conclusion, dear brethren, permit me to return my sincere thanks to the Board for their confidence, and to dear brethren on my mission for their great kindness to me, and for the very warm and confidential manner in which they have received me, and most especially to my God for his mercy, and grace, and goodness in sparing my life, and giving success to my poor unworthy efforts to promote His cause. And may his grace be with you all. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. GORE.

## REPORT OF ELDER D. B. AYRES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I commenced my labor in last March in the lower part of the Association, intending to travel over the entire bounds as rapidly as possible; but soon found my labors interrupted by providential occurrences which seemed insuparable in their nature. I have found wherever I have traveled, a strong desire for our books and literature, and where the means could be found, a ready sale. I also found in most of the churches and communities a desire for Sabbath Schools, but in many instances they were totaly neglected for the need of something to arouse the people generally to this important duty. During the latter part of the year, I have been engaged in protracted meetings with other ministering brethren. I have traveled 98 days, delivered almost as many sermons and exhortations, and witnessed many interesting incidents Sold $65 50 worth of books. Submitted, with much respect to you my brethren, and in gratitude to God, earnestly praying for His blessing on the efforts made.

D. B. AYRES.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The subject of Sabbath Schools is one so fraught with interest, your Committee scarcely know how to begin, in order that it may be presented to your consideration, with the importance this Heaven blessed Institution demands; yet we are happy to state that a growing interest is apparent in our bounds.

We therefore recommend to your body, the propriety of adopting some speedy method for its more efficient advancement, that is, let some means be adopted by which the Association may form a Board to co-operate with the different societies now organized, and those which may from time to time be formed in the respective churches in our bounds, and thus give the Schools one general head-quarters, and the Associational Sabbath School Board co-operate with the Sabbath School Board for the State.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. AYRES, Chairman.

## REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee would most respectfully submit the following:

1. The importance and necessity thereof have been laid before you from year to year, until (we suppose) every person has become familiar with the subject.

2. The time has now come when every energy should be put forth to carry the works into successful operation.

3. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions are hereby empowered to superintend this most important work

4, *Resolved*, That a proposition be made to every friend of this work in our body to loan said Committee ten dollars each, to be refunded at our next Association, without interest, to constitute a capital for this benevolent enterprise, and that this Association is pledged to this agreement.

5. *Resolved*, That the Missionaries be requested to co-operate with said Committee.

6. *Resolved*, That we learn with pleasure the establishment of a Sunday School Association in Raleigh in aid of Colportage.

COMMITTEE.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN:- Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Periodicals, beg leave to submit the following report:

According to our opinion next to the ordinary means of Grace, there are no more effectual means for promoting vital religion, and for increasing religious knowledge among our brethren generally, than that of patronizing and carefully perusing Baptist literature. We would then in view of the above consideration, earnestly recommend the heads of families throughout the bounds of our Association to procure as much of our denominational literature as their means will allow for the use of themselves and families—but more especially would we urge them to subscribe for the *Biblical Recorder* our denominational organ for the State. It is a large and cheap paper, plainly printed, ably edited, and its columns enriched by contributions from men of the greatest talent and most devoted piety in the state Containing instruction to the ministry, deacons and laymen—suited to the family circle and society in general.

We also recommend *Kind Words* and *Child's Delight* as good Sabbath School papers, and indispensable to children.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. GORE, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report:

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|---|---|
| Sent up by the churches and paid by individuals, | $289 25 |
| Half Sabbath Collection, | 27 25 |
| Total, | $316 50 |

## REPORT ON THE SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD.

Your committee have considered the subject referred to them, and report adversely to the appointment of any Sabbath School Board, but respectfully submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we recommend the Itinerant Missionary, the Pastors, Deacons, members of churches and citizens generally to make diligent effort in organizing, establishing and encouraging Sabbath Schools in the bounds of this Association, and report to the next meeting of this body through the churches.

D. B. AYRES,
T. S. MEMORY,
A. F. POWELL, } Com.
T. M. SMITH,
J. W. ELLIS,

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## REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Commmittee feel that the command of our blessed Saviour to preach the gospel to every creature, has not sufficiently impressed the hearts of Gods people.

We would therefore urge a more devoted effort on the part of pastors and churches for the accomplishment of the work committed to us, and the hearty co operation of all those in the support of our Missionary organization by which it is earnestly hoped that the destitution at home and abroad will be speedily supplied with the preached word.

We would therefore recommend to all of our churches the duty of regular contributions to the Domestic and State Mission Boards, also to the Foreign Missionary Board.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. WALTERS, Chairman.

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## REPORT ON THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Your committee would simply state the character of the duties which engage the attention of the Baptist State Convention of N. C., and recommend a hearty co-operation on the part of this Association with that body.

The general object of this organization is the inauguration and direction of measures proper for spreading the Gospel at home and abroad.

As subsidiary to this great end they pay attention to Education, and have under their guidance, and in their keeping the interest of Wake Forest College. In the presentcondition of our country it is important that Baptists should organize thoroughly, and work everywhere in harmony; and that they should heartily co-operate with their Associations, Conventions and Boards, in carrying forward the enterprises which claim the efforts and labors of the denomination.

Your committee would recommend that delegates be sent from your body to the next session of the Convention, which occurs at Hillsboro', on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in November next.

Respectfully submitted,
W. ROYALL, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents in hand.

COMMITTEE.

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## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

*Ashpole.*—Has enjoyed the pastoral labors of Elder P. C. Connelly and also the monthly services of Elder A. R. Pitman the past year. Has experienced a cheering revival. Elder A. R. Pitman is Pastor. 24 added by baptism.

*Antioch*, Robeson County.—Has experienced a glorious revival, the Pastor labored faithfully in a nine days meeting, aided by Elders R. M. Sessoms and D. B. Ayres, resulting in the addition of fifty persons to the church. Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

*Big Branch*,—Has been visited with a glorious revival. Has a prayer-meeting and Sabbath School. 14 added by baptism. Elder A. R. Pitman is Pastor.

*Back Swamp*—Expresses gratitude for the divine blessing. The labors of their Pastor, Elder E. D. Johnson has been abundantly blessed. 32 added by baptism.

*Lumberton.*—After a long, wintry, and dreary season, has been signally blessed with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in a series of meetings held by the Pastor, Elder A. R. Pitman and aided by Elder H. Lennon, resulting in the addition of 33 by baptism,

*Mount Eliaam*—Has experienced an interesting protracted meeting resulting in the addition of 21 persons to the church. Elder I. Stone is Pastor.

*Pleasant Grove.*—Expresses nothing interesting; complains of coldness and is destitute of a Pastor.

*Raft Swamp.*—Seems to be emerging from the difficulties with which she has been surrounded, and is rejoicing in a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Elder P. C. Connelly is Pastor. 10 has been added by baptism.

*Zion's Tabernacle.*—Has nothing special to communicate. The Pastor, Elder R. M. Sessoms aided by Elder N. Mercer labored faithfully in a meeting of nine days, resulting in the addition of eight persons to the church.

*Beaver Dam.*—Is in peace and harmony, has experienced a glorious revival. Has an interesting Sabbath School. Elder J. Sowle is Pastor.

*Cherry Grove.*—Nothing special—is in peace and harmony. Eider J. Sowle is Pastor.

*Cross Roads.*—Is in a salutary and prosperous condition. Has enjoyed some very happy and interesting meetings. Continues the monthly Prayer meeting. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor. 21 added by baptism.

*Iron Hill X Roads.*—Is in good order and clear of difficulties, has enjoyed a very interesting meeting of six days during which the church has been greatly revived. Has a promising Sabbath School. Enjoyed the Pastoral services of Elder Z. Bullock a portion of the past year. 16 added by baptism.

*Macedonia.*—Nothing of much importance to communicate. Has shared the Pastoral labors of Elder I. Stone in the previous part of the year, and Eld.

J. W. Gore in the latter part, whose services they have engaged for the ensuing year. 8 added to the church by baptism.

*Mount Moriah.*-Has enjoyed an interesting meeting conducted by Elders G. W Hill and J. P. Lennon, during which the church was much revived and also re-organized. Has no Pastor.

*Mount Sinai.*—Peace and brotherly love abounds. Has a Bible class. Eld. J. Sowle is Pastor.

*Mount Tabor.*—Has had some revivals. Elder Daniel Boyd was Pastor the past pear. Have engaged the services of Elder J. Sowle the ensuing. Has an interesting Sunday School and Bible Class. 18 baptized.

*Mount Zion.* Nothing interesting. Has had the word faithfully preached by their Pastor Elder H. Lennon, but complains of coldness.

*Pleasant Hill.*—Nothing special. Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor. Baptized 8.

*Pleasant Plains.*—Is in a flourishing condition. Has experienced a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a goodly number added to the church Has a Sabbath School and Bible class in a prosperous condition. Elder G. W. Hill is Pastor.

*Porter Swamp.*—Has enjoyed the Pastoral labors of Elder G. W. Hill the past year, and secured his services, the ensuing. Is in a healthy condition Has a flourishing Sabbath School and Bible Class.

*Seven Creeks.*—Enjoys peace and harmony Has an interesting Sabbath School and Bible Class, Elder N. Milliken is Pastor.

*Sandy plains.*—Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor. Congregation large and attentive.

*Sweet Home.* Nothing special. Has shared the Pastoral services of Elder J. W. Gore the past year. Has a Bible Class and Sunday School.

*Western Prong.*—Has been supplied with preaching a part of the past year by Elder G W. Hill, whose services have been secured for the ensuing.

*White Marsh.*—Nothing interesting, are in peace and harmony. Elder D. Ray is Pastor.

*Whiteville.*—Nothing of special interest. Elder H. Lennon has been the Pastoral supply for the past year.

*Hickory Grove.* Expresses nothing very cheering. Congregations large and attentive. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor. Baptized 17.

*Paradise.*—Has enjoyed a gracious revival. Elder J. W. Dickson was Pastor the past year. Also shared the labors of Elders D. J. Ray and J. M. Register. The services of the latter have been secured for the ensning year.

*Shady Grove.*—Nothing cheering. Elder James Cashwell is Pastor.

*Shiloh.* -Nothing of special interest. Has been under the Pastoral care of Elder Edward Martin the past year. Has a flourishing Sabbath School.

*White Lake*—Has been greatly revived. The labors of their Pastor Elder J. D. Elwell has been greatly blessed. Baptised 18.

*White Oak* —Is rejoicing in a glorious revival. Has been under the Pastoral care of Elder F. Prevatt the past year, have also shared in the labors of Elders W. S. Melvin and E. Martin.

*Bethel.*—Nothing special. Has no Pastor. Has been visited by the missionary; also the services of S. W. Westcott their Licentiate during the vacation of Wake Forest College. They have a promising Sabbath School and Bible Class; also a Prayer meeting.

*Beulah.*—Appears to be emerging from the almost lifeless state with which she has been for a while surrounded. Has no Pastor. Has been supplied with preaching by brother R. J. Long a Licenciate and the Missionary. Baptized 14.

*Bryan's Chapel.*—Is in peace and harmony. Has been supplied with preaching by Elder J. P. Lennon the Missionary. No Pastor. Baptized 5.

*Cheerful Hope.*—Nothing interesting. Complains of coldness Has had the word faithfully preached by their Pastor Elder J. W. Dickson. Has a Sabbath School of some interest.

*Mount Pisgah.*—All in peace. Has been supplied with preaching by Elder J. P. Lennon. 35 added by baptism.

*New Britain.* - Mourns her cold and lifeless state. Elder Joel Bennett is Pastor, also enjoys the labors of Elder N. Milliken.

*Shallotte.* –Appears to be in a state of great prosperity. Has been well supplied with preaching. Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor. 58 added by baptism.

*Union.*—This church has beeu reorganized and the name changed to Antioch.

*Bear Swamp.*—Appears to have passed through trials of a painful nature. Their house of worship has been burned. Keep up their Sunday School and Prayer meeting Appears to be destitute of a Pastor at present.

*Piny Grove.*—Appears to be rejoicing under some manifestation of the Divine Presence Elder D. B. Ayres is Pastor.

*Lebanon.*—Nothing special. Has enjoyed the ministeral labors of Elders Z Bullock, W. M. Mints and others. 14 added by baptism. The name of this church has been changed to Bethel.

*Oak Grove.*—Nothing special. Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor.

*Salem.*—Is in peace and harmony. Elder W. M. Mints is Pastor. Baptized 24.

*Spring Branch,*—Elder Z. Bullock is Pastor. Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class.

*Spring Field.*—Seems to be in a thriving condition. Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor.

*United Churches.*—Expresses nothing cheering. Elder W. M. Mints is Pastor.

## REPORT OF ELDER G. W. HILL.

*G. W. Hill Treasurer in account with Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

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|---|---|
| | DR. |
| To amount sent up by the churches, | $127 50 |
| | CR. |
| To amount paid for printing these minutes, | $100 00 |
| " " allowed Clerk for services, | 25 00 |
| Leaving a balance to pay expense of transportation, &c. of | 2 50 |

*G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in account with the Domestic Missionary Board.*

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| | Dr. |
| To Amount remaining in Treasurers hand, | $490 38 |
| " " Paid by Committee of Finance, | 316 50 |
| " " Accounted for in Eld. J. P. Lennon's Report, | 32 00 |
| " Eld J. P. Lennon's Receipt to T. S. Memory for books, | 21 00 |
| " Eld. D. B. Ayres Receipt for same, | 65 50 |
| " for self Receipt for same, | 15 00 |
| Total, | $940 38 |
| | Cr. |
| To Amount paid T. S. Memory for purchase of books, | $100 00 |
| " " " Elder J. P. Lennon, | 328 00 |
| " " " " D. B. Ayres, | 115 50 |
| " " " " D. N. Gore, | 118 50 |
| " " " " G. W. Hill, | 260 38 |
| " " " " A. R. Pitman, | 12 00 |
| " " " " E. D. Johson, | 6 00 |
| Total, | $940 38 |

There will be a small amount due for Missionary Services after the balance arising from the sale of books (not yet in hand) is received and accounted for.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|
| D. B. Ayres, | Lumberton, Robeson County, N C. |
| Joel Bennett, | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Daniel Boyd, | Conwayborough, Horry " S. C. |
| Zadoc Bullock, | Fair Bluff, Columbus " N. C. |
| James Cashwell. | Bladen Station, Bladen " " |
| P. C. Connelly, | Montpelier, Richmond " " |
| J. W. Dickson, | Bogue Swamp, Columbus " " |
| J. W. Gore, | Whiteville, " " " |
| D. N. Gore, | " " " " |
| John Harrelson, | " " " " |
| G. W. Hill, | " " " " |
| E. D. Johnson, | Lumberton. Robeson " " |
| Haynes Lennon, | Peacock's Store, Columbus " " |
| J. P. Lennon, | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick " " |
| H. H. Holmes, | Conwayborough, Horry " S. C. |
| M. R. Martin, | " " " " |
| Norman Martin, | Lumberton, Robeson " N. C. |
| Edward Martin, | Elizabethtown, Bladen " " |
| Noah Mercer, | Lumberton, Robeson " " |
| W. S. Melvin, | Elizabethtown, Bladen " " |
| W. M. Mints, | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Nathan Milliken, | " " " " |
| A. R, Pitman, | Lumberton, Robeson " |
| D. J. Ray, | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| J. M. Register, | Elizabethtown, Bladen " " |
| R. M. Sessoms, | " " " " |
| Joshua Sowle, | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Isham Stone, | Lumberton, Robeson " " |

## LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|
| Zachariah Carter, | Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C. |
| Henry Davis, | " " " " |
| John Mears, | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| S. B. Robins, | Smithville, Brunswick " " |
| B. G. Sellers, | Shallotte " " " |
| Richard Prince, | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Needham Stevens, | " " " " |
| J. R. Thompson, | Conwayborough, Horry " S. C. |
| William Willets, | Smithville, Brunswick " N. C. |
| S. W. Westcott, | " " " |
| R. J. Long, | Shallotte, Brunswick " " |
| Samuel P. Suggs, | Whiteville, Columbus " " |
| Pinckney Blackman, | " " " " |
| Joshua Noble, | Grist's Depot, " " " |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES & CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | R. by let. | Restored | Dismiss'd. | Excluded. | Dead. | Colored. | Total. | Ass. Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | A. R. Pitman, P. C. Connelly,* Joseph Thompson,* | 24 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 115 | 308 | $ 3 85 |
| Antioch, | Eli Wishart, J. A. Rosier,* J C. Mears, | 50 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 243 | 5 60 |
| Big Branch, | J. P. Barnes, J. F. Ward,* J. Flowers, | 14 | | 11 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 182 | 3 00 |
| Back Swamp, | E. D Johnson, H. B. Howell,* J. L Nance, | 32 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 200 | 4 00 |
| Lumberton, | Berry Godwin, J. A. Ivey, S. E. Ward,* | 33 | 6 | | 1 | | 1 | | 82 | 4 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | I. Stone,* S. Stone,* K. Phillips,* | 6 | 8 | | 2 | 12 | | 32 | 116 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | A. W. Davis,* A Miller,* W. P. Bullock, | | | 2 | | 1 | | 34 | 89 | 1 50 |
| Raft Swamp, | Jas. P. Davis, F. Davis,* Thos. Prevatt, | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | | 5 | 71 | 2 05 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | N. Mercer,* Thos. Allen, Simon Allen,* | 7 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 80 | 2 00 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | D. J. Neely, Wm. Ward,* Alfred Hinson,* | 28 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | | 164 | 3 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | Joshua Sowle,* E. Strictleng, A. Strictleng, | 5 | | | 1 | 2 | | 6 | 84 | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads, | H. Lennon, J. E. Lennon,* Jno. Ellis, | 21 | 1 | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 33 | 186 | 4 35 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | Jno. Mears, J. Q. Elkins, F. K. Powell, | 16 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 85 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | Richard Noble, J. C. Brown,* W W. Brown, | 8 | 2 | | | 1 | | 21 | 93 | 2 15 |
| Mount Moriah, | J. P. Pierce, D. Fomyduval, | | | | | | | | 11 | 1 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | E. H. Todd, R. R. Hinson, Jno. Grainger, | 8 | 2 | | 5 | 4 | | 13 | 71 | 2 25 |
| Mount Tabor, | A. W. Prince, S. F. Norris,* E. W. Watts, | 18 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | | 96 | 2 00 |
| Mount Zion, | T. M. Smith, Orran Lennon, Calvin Jones, | | 5 | | 1 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 89 | 3 35 |
| Pleasant Hill, | D. N. Gore, H. Thompson, U. Wood,* | 8 | 7 | | 1 | 8 | 2 | 23 | 126 | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, N. Stevens, J. W. Ellis, | 27 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 68 | 224 | 3 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | D. F. Williamson, A F. Powell, J. C Carroll, | 4 | | | 4 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 126 | 3 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | Jas. Long,* M. Williams,* M. J. Stevens, | | 3 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 75 | 1 50 |
| Sandy Plains, | D. J. Ray, | | 1 | | 7 | 1 | 1 | | 69 | 1 50 |
| Sweet Home, | D. J. Gore, Jas. Ward, Jr., Jas. Ward, Sr , | 5 | | | 2 | 1 | | | 49 | 1 00 |
| Waccamaw, | C. L. Fomyduval, L. R. L. Wilkins, S. F. Sasser, | | | | | | | | 7 | 50 |
| Western Prong, | A. High, L Jordan, T J. Page, | 3 | | 1 | 4 | 3 | | 6 | 54 | 2 00 |
| White Marsh, | Jno. Creach, J. G. Batten, M. Powell, | 3 | 3 | | 4 | 50 | 2 | 33 | 100 | 2 00 |
| Whiteville, | G. Pridgen, T. S. Memory, W. A. Memory, | | | | | | | 16 | 35 | 4 25 |

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| **BLADEN COUNTY.** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessoms, E. Johnson, D. Johnson, | 17 | 1 | | 7 | 10 | 2 | 61 | 214 | 3 00 |
| Paradise, | A. Collum, K. Carroll, W. J Register, | 21 | | 1 | 39 | | 1 | | 71 | 2 00 |
| Shady Grove, | S. B. Thompson, C. F. Thompson, G. W Thompson, | | | | 3 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 74 | 1 35 |
| White Lake, | J. G. Sutton, M. Peterson, G. W. Thomas, | 18 | 5 | 4 | 26 | [illegible] | 3 | 4 | 95 | 3 00 |
| White Oak, | E. Martin, D. M. Melvin, Jno. Monroe, | 10 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 84 | 3 00 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | R. W. Woodside, | | | | | | | | 8 | 1 00 |
| Bethel, | J. L. Wescott, | 2 | | | | | | | 44 | 1 50 |
| Beulah, | L. J. McLamb, W. Tharp, | 14 | | | 3 | | 2 | | 30 | 1 50 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | By Letter, | 5 | | | 2 | | | | 24 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | J. W. Dickson, H. Mitchell,* W. Mitchell, | 1 | 5 | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 39 | 1 50 |
| Livingston Chapel, | J. P. Lennon, L. W. Wilborn, | | | | | | | | 32 | 1 50 |
| Mill Creek, | Not represented, | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Pisgah, | W. M Mints, M. Hewett, J. Lancaster, | 35 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 113 | 2 00 |
| New Britain, | N Milliken, R. C. Inman, Moses McKeithan,* | 5 | 2 | 2 | 9 | | 1 | 1 | 97 | 2 00 |
| Shallotte, | R. J. Long, Samuel Frink, D. K Bennett,* | 58 | 5 | 8 | | 2 | 1 | 23 | 145 | 4 00 |
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mason Borough, | W. L. Tart, | 6 | 2 | | | | | | 39 | 2 00 |
| MARION COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | J. F. Grantham, T. W. Ayres, E B Ford,* | | 1 | | 6 | 22 | 3 | 28 | 228 | 4 00 |
| Hays Swamp, | A. Jackson, D. B. Ayres, M. McDonald,* | 5 | 2 | | | | | | [illegible] | 1 50 |
| Piny Grove, | Not represented. Total in 1867, | | | | | | | | 27 | |
| HORRY COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | Not represented. Total in 1867, | | | | | | | | 32 | |
| Bethel, | Daniel Boyd,* M. R. Martin, J. R. Gerrald, | 14 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | | 9 | 138 | 2 00 |
| Bethlehem, | Not represented. Total in 1867, | | | | | | | | 44 | |
| Bug Swamp, | " " " " " | | | | | | | | 65 | |
| Honey Camp, | " " " " " | | | | | | | | 43 | |
| Little River, | " " | | | | | | | | | |
| Oak Grove, | A. S. Martin, H. J. Barnhill,* D. Richardson, | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | 40 | 2 00 |
| Salem, | Mc Allen, J. B. Allen, H. G. Brown, | 24 | 1 | 6 | | | 1 | 5 | 84 | 2 00 |
| Spring Branch, | Levi Grainger, J. M. McGougan, Daniel Tyler, | 5 | | | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 1 | 3 00 |
| Spring Field, | Samuel Hughes, W. E. Gore, J. Hughes, | 9 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 106 | 3 00 |
| Piny Grove, | Not represented, | | | | | | | | | |
| United Churches, | J. J. Joyner, W. T. Todd, J. W. Owens,* | | | | 9 | | | 15 | 83 | 2 00 |
| | ***Absent.** | 591 | 93 | 98 | 210 | 197 | 48 | 720 | 5356 | 125 20 |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Lumberton, Robeson County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 22–25, 1869.

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# PROCEEDINGS.

Lumberton, October 22, 1869.

The services were opened by reading the 19th psalm—hymn: "Go preach my gospel."

After leading in prayer, Elder D. N. Gore preached the introductory sermon, according to appointment, from the 28th chapter and 1st clause of the 19th verse of St. Matthew: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." At the conclusion, Elder P. C. Connelly lead in prayer.

Hymn: "Ye servants of the Lord." Benediction by Elder G. W. Hill.

After an intermission of a half hour the delegates assembled in the house.

The list of the churches was called.

The Moderator read the 15th chapter of St. John. Hymn: "Ye that obey the Immortal King." Prayer by Elder D. B. Ayres.

The Association then adjourned to the Academy. Preaching was held in the church by Elder J. M. Register.

Appointed Elders J. W. Dickson, F. Lennon and J. A. Rosier Committee of Finance, and Elders A. R. Pitman and D. K. Bennett, Assistant Clerks.

The church letters were called for and read. On motion the letter from the Salem Church was laid on the table till to-morrow morning. There being no representation from the church at Little River, Elder D. N. Gore made a statement of the condition of the church and the prospect of its being resuscitated. The matter was referred to the Domestic Missionary Board.

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill, Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visiting ministers and corresponding delegates Whereupon Elders F. Prevatt and E. D. Johnson from the Cedar Creek Association, Elder H. McAlpin from the Eastern, Elder B. G. Covington and brethren B. C. Covington and D. Monroe from the Pee Dee, Prof. W. M. Wingate from the Central Association represented the interest of Wake Forest College, and Bro. J. H. Mills, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, came forward and were welcomed to seats.

Appointed Brethren Giles Williams, Jesse Phillips, John Monroe, Eli Wishart, Berry Godwin and T. S. Memory committee on Religious Exercises.

The use of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches was tendered to the Association.

An invitation was extended to churches desiring to connect themselves to this body.

Petitions were presented from the following newly constituted churches desiring admission, viz: Cedar Creek, Horry County, S. C.; Hog Swamp, Robeson County, N. C.; Beech Creek, Horry County, S. C.; Green Swamp Union, Brunswick County; Piney Forest and Cedar Grove, Columbus County, N. C.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder E. D. Johnson.

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SATURDAY MORNING, October 23, 1869.

Association met in the Baptist Church.

The list of the churches was called. The Moderator read the 3d chapter, 1st John.

A letter was read from Elder G. Bullock, desiring an interest in the prayers of the Association in his behalf, that he might recover from his affliction, or be enabled to bear it patiently.

Hymn: "In one fraternal bond of love." Prof. Wingate leading in prayer.

The minutes read and corrected.

The petition from Cedar Creek Church was read; the Presbytery not being present, objections being raised and some doubts expressed as to the orthodoxy of said church, its acceptance was postponed.

The petition from the church at Hog Swamp was read, and the orthodoxy sufficiently established, it was unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

The petition from Buck Creek was read, and satisfactory evidence being given of its orthodoxy, was received.

The petitions from Piney Forest and Cedar Grove were also read, and there appearing some irregularity in the organization of said churches, their acceptance was postponed till the next meeting of the Association, and Elders G. W. Hill, D. J. Ray and J. W. Dickson were appointed to visit said churches, together with the Cedar Creek, and that they also be recommended to the Domestic Missionary Board as stations to be supplied by the Missionary.

The petition from Green Swamp Union was also read and received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

A petition was presented by the church at French's Creek, from the Eastern Association, requesting admission, which was accepted and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

The invitation to corresponding delegates and visiting ministers was renewed, when Brethren D. B. McGougan and S. J. Cobb, from the Cedar Creek Association came forward and were invited to seats.

Elder G. W. Hill and J. W. Gore, were appointed a committee to visit the Horry Camp Church and counsel with it in regard to the condition of said church.

The following Brethren were also appointed a committee to visit the Salem Church, to endeavor to adjust the difficulties in said church, viz: Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, A. R. Pitman, J. W. Dickson and J. W. Gore.

The following resolutions were presented by Elder H. Lennon, read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, There are indications of a spirit of disaffection existing in this Association, detrimental to the peace and prosperity of the churches, and particularly to the progress of missions: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is the imperative duty of the churches of this Association to apply the remedy:

1. That the churches induct into the pastoral office only such ministers as are scripturally competent—men reported for "good works," "sound in the faith," "able to teach others also," and who have a good report of them without.
2. That the ministry "Lay hands suddenly on no man," but such only as possess the moral, intellectual and christian qualifications indispensably necessary for a minister of Jesus Christ.
3. The constituting new churches in localities where there are suitable material, and at such distance from each other as will be conducive of the greatest possible good to souls and the harmony and well being of the churches generally.
4. By frequently reviewing "The old paths," and "constantly walking therein," "Where is the good way."
5. By discarding all legislation in and for the churches, and the judiciously interpreting the Scriptures, "teaching men to observe all things whatsoever Christ hath commanded us."

The subject of christian benevolence and the best means to raise funds for sustaining our missionary operations were discussed by a number of the brethren, and resolutions, with several amendments offered, which were finally laid on the table till Monday.

President Wingate, of Wake Forest College, addressed the Association upon the subject of education; at the conclusion a collection was taken up in behalf of young men studying for the ministry at the College, amounting to $39 00, as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Elder H. Lennon, | $5 00 | Bethel Church, | 3 00 |
| White Oak Church, | 2 00 | Lennon Jordan, | 1 00 |
| A. F. Powell, | 5 00 | By a Friend, | 2 00 |
| J. F. Grantham, | 1 00 | C. I. Oates, | 2 00 |
| J. P. Lennon, | 1 00 | Sam. Jordan, | 1 00 |
| Joel Inman, | 1 00 | A. S. Wishart, | 2 00 |
| D. B. Ayres, | 1 00 | A. R. Pitman, | 1 00 |
| C. L. Powell, | 2 00 | J. L. Nance, | 1 00 |
| G. W. Hill, | 1 00 | W. S. Melvin, | 1 00 |
| F. A. Prince, | 1 00 | | |
| J. W. Dickson, | 5 00 | | $39 00 |

The Moderator announced committees on the following subjects, viz:

*On Missions.*—Elder R. M. Sessoms and brother R. M. McRackan.

*On Periodicals.*—Elders A. R. Pitman, J. W. Dickson and J. L. Westcott.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—G. W. Hill, D. B. Ayres and J. C. Carroll.

*On Baptist State Convention.*—J. H. Mills, J. P. Lennon and T. S. Memory.

*On Corresponding Messengers.*—Eli Wishart and H. T. Pope.

*Committee of Arrangements.*—H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, A. R. Pitman and D. K. Bennett.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The Association came in session.

It was agreed that the next session of this Association meet with the church at Pleasant Hill, Columbus County, N. C., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1870, Elder H. Lennon to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder A. R. Pitman, alternate. Elder J. D. Elwell to preach the missionary sermon on Sabbath, and Elder J. W. Dickson, alternate.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder J. W. Dickson.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 24, 1869.

The Baptist Church was densely crowded. Elder H. McAlpin opened the services by reading the 53d chapter of Isaiah. Hymn: "In vain we seek for peace with God." After leading in prayer, he announced the text from the 27th chapter of Isaiah and 5th verse: "Or let him take hold of my strength, that he make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me." At the conclusion, the hymn: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," was sung by the congregation. President Wingate then announced as his text: "What is truth," John 18th chapter, 38th verse. At the close the brethren sung: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," A collection was taken up in behalf of Home Missions. At 3 o'clock, P. M., a Sunday School meeting was held, and remarks were made by J. H. Mills, Dr. Wingate and Elder Hill and brethren Wescott and Oats. Sermons were also delivered at the Presbyterian, Methodist and colored churches by Elders Elwell, Covington, Connelly, Pitman, Dickson, Lennon and others. Elder D. N. Gore also preached in the Court House, at 12 o'clock. The sermons were delivered with great earnestness, and listened to with marked attention, and it is to be hoped that much good has been done by the preaching of the Word.

MONDAY MORNING, October 25, 1869.

The religious exercises were conducted by the Moderator. Hymn: "Great Shepherd of thy people, hear." Prayer by Elder J. D. Elwell.

The delegates from French's Creek, Bethel, Antioch, (Brunswick County,) Sandy Plains, Masonborough, Cheerful Hope, Mount Tabor, Paradise, Green Swamp Union and Bryan's Chapel, requested leave of absence to take the cars at 10 o'clock for home; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the remaining delegates be authorized to transact all the unfinished business, in case there should not be a majority left.

Permission was then given.

Committee of Arrangements reported; report received and made the order of the day.

List of delegates called and corrected.

Proceedings of Saturday were read and corrected.

The committee appointed to visit the Mount Sinai Church reported, that they had visited said church and examined their proceedings in relation to Caleb Spivey, an excluded member, as recorded in the church book, and found them irregular, and that they had advised the church to rescind a portion of its proceedings and correct said irregularity, but they had refused to take the advice of the committee.

The following resolutions were then read and adopted:

WHEREAS, The committee appointed to visit the Mount Sinai Church, to settle a difficulty in said church, and they having failed to comply with the request of said council:

*Resolved* 1st, That this Association considers the Mount Sinai Church in disorder.

*Resolved* 2d, That we shall consider it to be our duty to withdraw fellowship from said church if the error is not duly corrected.

The report on Periodicals was called for and read:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee on Periodicals report as follows: The advantage of the religious periodical needs no comment. Look around and behold thousands anxiously reading the columns of religious literature, monthly, semi-monthly and weekly. and storing their minds with useful knowledge and valuable information in relation to Zion's Cause and Kingdom, and you will be at once impressed with the importance of these Heralds of Good Tidings for both the aged and the young. Take the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptist Denomination in North Carolina, invaluable to every Baptist, printed in Raleigh, N. C., edited by Prof. J. H. Mills. Take the Child's Delight, for your little ones—it will tell them of Jesus, who says: "Suffer little children to come unto me," and it will teach you all the importance of Sabbath Schools. Take Kind Words, it contains equally as suitable information, tending to the same glorious end.

*Resolved*, That every Pastor, Missionary and Sabbath School Superintendent be requested to recommend these valuable periodicals to the people, and endeavor to obtain subscribers for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. PITMAN, Chairman.

The committee appointed to select Corresponding Messengers, was called upon and made the following report:

MESSENGERS TO THE WELSH NECK ASSOCIATION—Elders A. R. Pitman, J. W. Gore and E. B. Ford.

TO THE PEE DEE.—Elders D. N. Gore, J. W. Dickson, P. C. Connelly and brethren F. Lennon and David McNeil.

TO THE CEDAR CREEK.—Elders R. M. Sessoms, D. B. Ayres, W. S. Melvin and brethren John Monroe and E. Johnson.

TO THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—Elders H. Lennon, J. D. Elwell and brethren T. S. Memory and J. L. Wescott.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

The report on Sabbath Schools was called for and read:

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is not an easy matter to estimate the importance of the Sabbath School enterprise, connected as it is, with the benevolent objects of the day, and being one of the great means for the spread of the gospel, whereby we may be enabled to carry out the great command: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." While it is a plain and imperative duty to send the gospel into all the world, we should not be mindful of those who have the first and greatest claims on our affection. It is our duty to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. While the Sabbath School does not relieve us of our parental duties and responsibilities, it is certainly a great auxiliary to aid us in impressing the truths of the gospel on the youth's mind, and bring them under its saving and happy influence.

"Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

And ye shall teach them, your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up." Deut. xi. 18th and 19th vs.

"Gather the people together, men and women and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law ; and that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it." Deut. xxxi., 12th and 13th vs.

Such was the command of God to the Israelites, to teach the law to their children, and the obligation certainly rests upon *us* as strongly to instruct *our* children in the principles of the gospel, "Which is able to make them wise unto salvation." Enough has been accomplished to convince us that God's blessings has attended our efforts in this enterprise, and that our labors have not been in vain in the Lord. But while something has been done, much remains to be done. Let us then renew our exertions and continue to labor unremittingly until a well conducted Sabbath School shall be established in every neighborhood, and all our children be brought under the happy influence of religious instruction.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL, Chairman.

## REPORT ON THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The committee appointed to prepare this report, for some car unknown, failing to forward it in time for publication, the following was prepared by the Clerk before the minutes were sent to the press:

The objects of this body are thus stated in the 2d Article of the Constitution :

"The preliminary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong ; the employment of missionaries within the limits of the State, and the co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of missions in general."

To promote these important objects, it is necessary that an interest should be awakened among our churches, a concentration of effort and the means of the denomination united to effect these desirable results. The efforts of this body have not been in vain. Under its supervision Wake Forest College was established years ago by the labors of a few enterprising and benevolent Baptists, with hearts burning with zeal for the glory of God, and the establishment and advocacy of the truth as it is in Jesus. Although this institution had to struggle for years for existance, it continued to increase in vigor and stability until it was able to survive a four year's war, and now its permanent existance is no longer a matter of doubt. Through the means and agencies thus directly or indirectly employed, by the Divine Blessing, the Baptist Denomination has reached a position and exerts an influence never before attained in this State. Every year young men of piety and cultivated minds are leaving its classic halls to occupy positions of usefullness and honor in this and other States. Some of our most efficient ministers are graduates of this institution, of whom we might mention the lamented Kelly and Belcher, so early called to their reward. There are now some ten or twelve young ministers who are students at this College, studying with commendable zeal, "To show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Missionaries have been sent to different parts of the State and destitute fields occupied, churches built up and souls converted. Under the present arrangement, Associations may co-operate with the Convention. They are permitted to employ missionaries in their own bounds, superintend the field of operations, have control of their own funds, and report to the Treasurer, and the labor and funds thus expended are acknowledged by the Convention. We have been operating on this plan for the last two years in a very successful and satisfactory manner. While the Lord has blessed our efforts in the past, let us with renewed zeal devote ourselves to the work, and humbly pray the Lord to sanctify the means we are using and abundantly bless our labors in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL.

The committee appointed at last session to visit the Lebanon Church was called upon to report.

Elder J. W. Gore, said that he had visited that church, as one of the committee, that the difficulty was settled and the church is in peace.

It was resolved that the collection of Sabbath be appropriated to the use of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved* 1*st*, That the resolutions adopted by this Association in the year 1866, relative to the appointment of a committee for the examination of applicants for ordination to the gospel ministry be, and is hereby, rescinded.

*Resolved* 2*d*, That the following resolutions adopted by this body in the year 1843, in regard to the examination of applicants to the gospel ministry is hereby reaffirmed and adopted.

*Resolved*, That in order to avoid, as far as practicable, the injudicious ordination of Ministers in the bounds of this Association, the candidates be presented to the Association for examination, and in the event of an approval, they be commended for ordination; but if not approved by the Association, their respective churches be requested to decline the ordination.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The Association came in session.

The following delegates were appointed to represent this body in the Baptist State Convention, viz: Elders H. Lennon, D. K. Bennett, W. S. Melvin, J. D. Elwell, and brethren

Joseph Stanaland, A. F. Powell, Jesse Lancaster, Joseph Thompson, R. M. Rackan, H. T. Pope, David McNeil, Neil Townsend and B. Godwin.

Appointed Elder H. Lennon and brother T. S. Memory a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

The Clerk was allowed $30 00 for his services.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be hereby tendered to the citizens of Lumberton and vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

*Be it also Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship during the meeting of this body.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the officers and managers of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Rail Road for their courtesy in passing delegates and visitors to and from this meeting.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee, consisting of Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill and brother T. S. Memory.

Elder H. Lennon and T. S. Memory was appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the treasurer.

On motion, it was agreed to adjourn to the time and place appointed.

The brethren then united in singing: "Blest be the tie that binds," &c.

At the close the Moderator lead in prayer.

Thus closed a very pleasant and harmonious session of the Cape Fear Association.

H. LENNON, *Moderator.*

G. W. Hill, *Clerk.*

# PROCEEDINGS

### OF THE

# DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee of Finance, viz: T. S. Memory, J. C. Carroll and A. F. Powell.

The list of the churches was called and the following amounts paid in:

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|---|---|
| Ashpole, | $30 00 |
| Antioch, | 15 25 |
| Big Branch, | 30 00 |
| Back Swamp, | 10 00 |
| Lumberton, | 30 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | 7 40 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 5 00 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | 3 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | 5 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 30 00 |
| Macedonia, | 5 00 |
| Mount Moriah, | 16 50 |
| Mount Zion, | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Plains. | 17 50 |
| Porter Swamp, | 8 35 |
| Sandy Plains, | 9 25 |
| Western Prong, | 5 00 |
| White Marsh, | 5 00 |
| Whiteville, | 3 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 5 50 |
| Paradise, | 1 00 |
| Shady Grove, | 4 00 |
| White Oak, | 10 00 |
| Antioch, Brunswick County, | 17 00 |
| Bethel, | 10 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | 38 25 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 10 25 |
| Livingston Chapel, | 35 00 |
| Bear Swamp, | 30 00 |
| Hay's Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Piney Grove, | $5 00 |
| Pleasant Meadow, | 6 00 |
| Bug Swamp, | 6 00 |
| Individuals at Salem Church, | 5 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 6 50 |
| Spring Field, | 10 00 |
| United Churches, | 5 00 |
| Buck Creek, | 5 00 |
| Hog Swamp, | 5 00 |
| Green Swamp Union, | 2 00 |
| Daniel Stanaland, | 5 00 |
| Female Miss. Soc. Mill Creek, | 7 58 |
| Female Miss. Soc., Mt. Pisgah | 31 00 |
| J. G. Wagner, | 1 50 |
| R. G. W. Grissett, | 5 50 |
| W. D. Martin, | 5 50 |
| T. S. Memory, | 5 00 |
| A. F. Powel, | 5 00 |
| Sam. Frink, | 1 00 |
| Jno. M. Long, | 1 00 |
| D. K. Bennett, | 1 00 |
| A. T. Hewett, | 1 00 |
| J. H. Tart, | 1 00 |
| J. W. Dixon, | 5 00 |
| J. P. Lennon, | 5 00 |
| O. S. Hays, Shoe Heel, | 5 00 |
| J. L. Wescott, | 5 00 |
| T. F. Toon, | 1 00 |
| Clibern Church, | 4 00 |
| | $574 23 |

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Chairman, and Elder G. W. Hill, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board adjourned till Monday.

Monday, October 25th, 1869.

The Board was called to order by the Chairman.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, and brethren T. S. Memory, F. Lennon and A. F. Powell, an Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee be authorized to use their own discretion in the selection of Missionaries, and the rates to be allowed for services.

The Missionaries were called upon and made the following reports:

### REPORT OF ELDER J. P. LENNON.

Dear Brethren:—Soon after my appointment, I entered the field of labor assigned me by the Executive Committee. I found the churches in an ordinary condition, the brethren received me with warm hearts. The Lord has blessed my labors among them. I have labored 333 days, including the rest days allowed by the board, preached 296 sermons, baptized 218 persons, and left others awaiting the ordinance. There still remains a lively interest in religion throughout the greater part of my field of labor.

I have received from churches and individuals the following amounts: Bethel Church, $10 00; Livingston Chapel, $35 00; Bryan's Chapel, $38 25; Beulah Church, by Daniel Stanaland, $5 00; Mount Pisgah Female Miss. Society, $31 00; (David Gilbert, $10 00; R. W. Woodsides, $5 00; John W. Woodsides, $2 00, for Antioch Church;) Sandy Plains Female Miss. Society, $9 25; Mill Creek Miss. Society, $7 55; Mount Moriah Church, $16 50; Jacob Edwards, Wilmington, $15 00. Total, $184 55.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. LENNON.

### REPORT OF ELDER G. W. HILL.

Dear Brethren:—I commenced my itenerant labors in January, and have performed all the missionary services I could outside of my pastoral duties. I lost several months labor on account of the health of my family. The churches assigned me were supplied with monthly preaching, by their pastoral supplies, with one exception. My appointments have been as well attended, generally as could be expected for week day preaching. I have assisted some of my ministering brethren in some very happy meetings, in which the Lord has abundantly blessed our labors.

I have travelled 106 days, including the rest days allowed. I have baptized 30 persons, preached 83 sermons and travelled about 1,000 miles, received 10 on relation of christian experience that I did not baptize, and aided in the restoration of others to the fellowship of the church; so that I trust my labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL.

## REPORT OF ELDER J. W. GORE.

DEAR BRETHREN :—I engaged in my missionary labors on the 18th day of February last, and have devoted myself to my work as closely as my other duties would permit, since that time. I found most of the churches in a cold and languid condition, and some opposition through the influence of certain designing individuals, who are opposed to missionary operations, but after reasoning the subject faithfully with them, the question seemed to be amicably settled, and I am happy to state that a very pleasing state of affairs now exists in my field of labor, and I would recommend the Board to send an efficient missionary to labor among these churches. I have traveled 101 days for the board, preached 109 sermons, baptized 20 persons, aided in the constitution of two churches and assisted in the ordination of three deacons. And now in conclusion, dear brethren, permit me to return my thanks to God and the brethren, for his mercies and their kindness, and may God bless the efforts of his people to His name's glory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. GORE.

## REPORT OF ELDER D. B. AYRES.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Providence seemed to hedge up my way in the early part of the year, so that I despaired of being able to travel during the year, but towards the latter part of the Summer circumstances seemed to become more favorable, when I commenced laboring almost night and day, during 33 days. I found the work of the Lord greatly revived, almost every where I went. I have baptized several persons in connection with the several churches. I have received $4 00 at the Cliburn Church and $5 00 from Hay's Swamp.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. AYRES.

The Committee of Finance reported $574 23 in hand.

It was agreed that Elder J. W. Gore be allowed $8 00 for expenses incurred in having a horse to fill his appointments.

The Secretary read the proceedings of the Executive Committee at their several meetings during the year, which were approved.

Appointed Elder H. Lennon and T. S. Memory a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

*Resolved,* That all unfinished business be refered to the Executive Committee.

The Board adjourned to meet at the next session of the Cape Fear Association.

H. LENNON, *Chairman.*

G. W. HILL, *Secretary.*

## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION, AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

*Antioch*, Robeson County.—Reports peace and harmy abounding in their midst. Has regular monthly preaching by their pastor, Elder H. Lennon. Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class in progress.

*Ashpole*.—Is rejoicing in a glorious revival of religion. Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class. Elder A. R. Pitman is pastor, and preaches for them twice a month. 54 added by baptism.

*Big Branch*.—Expresses cheering news—has experienced a glorious revival—is keeping up a prayer meeting and Sabbath School, also a Bible Class. Enjoyed the labors of Elder A. R. Pitman the past year, and engaged the services of Elder G. W. Hill the ensuing year. 67 added by baptism.

*Back Swamp*.—Has been under the pastoral care of Elder E. D. Johnson the past year, who preached for them monthly—is in a prosperous condition. 55 added by baptism.

*Lumberton*.—The gospel has been faithfully preached to them by their pastor, Elder A. R. Pitman, monthly. Has a good Sunday School and Bible Class. 11 added by baptism.

*Mount Eliaam*.—Is in good order. Has enjoyed the pastoral services of Elder I. Stone the past year. Enjoyed a pleasant meeting of several days. 11 added by baptism.

*Pleasant Grove*.—Has nothing of interest to communicate. Experienced a long and wintry season, hopes for better times. Is without a pastor. Have shared the labors of brother S. D. Collins and Elder D. B. Ayres, and others occasionally.

*Raft Swamp*.—Elder P. C. Connelly is pastor, who preaches to them monthly, to large and attentive congregations. Has enjoyed a meeting of eight days, resulting in the addition of 12 to the church.

*Zion's Tabernacle*.—Has nothing of a special nature to communicate; enjoys peace and harmony. Elder R. M. Sessoms is pastor.

*Hog Swamp*.—This church was constituted by Elders E. D. Johnson, Isham Stone and Noah Mercer, on Friday before the 2d Sunday in August, 1869, with 64 members. Elder E. D. Johnson is pastor.

*Beaver Dam*.—Communicates nothing important. Elder Joshua Soules was their pastoral supply the past year. They have secured the services of Elder S. P. Suggs, the ensuing year.

*Cherry Grove*.—Has nothing of a special nature to communicate. Is in peace and harmony. Elder J. Soules is pastor. 14 added by baptism.

*Cross Roads*.—Is in a prosperous condition. Has been regularly supplied with preaching, by their pastor, Elder H. Lennon, whose labors have been abundantly blessed. Continue their monthly Prayer Meeting. 28 added by baptism.

*Iron Hill ⋈ Roads*.—Expresses nothing important. Has been under the pastoral care of Elder D. Boyd, the past year, and have engaged the services of Elder John Harrelson for the ensuing. Has a promising Sabbath School and Bible Class.

*Macedonia*.—Is experiencing a cheering revival. Elder J. W. Gore is pastor. 44 has been added by baptism.

*Mount Moriah*.—Has been supplied with preaching the past year by Elders J. P. Lennon and J. W. Dickson. Has engaged the services of Elder Dickson for the ensuing year.

*Mount Sinai*.—Communicates noting important in the church letter.

Has been under the pastoral care of Elder J. Soules the past year. Reports a flourishing Sabbath School.

*Mount Tabor.*—All in peace. Has a flourishing Sabbath School and Bible Class. Elder J. Soules is pastor. 8 received by baptism.

*Mount Zion.*—Reports no special change. Has been under the pastoral care of Elder D. J. Ray the past year.

*Pleasant Hill.*—Expresses peace one with another. Reports an interesting protracted meeting, resulting in the addition of some to the church. Elder D. N. Gore is pastor.

*Pleasant Plain.*—Reports a gradual increase in numbers and in spirituality. Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class. Elder G. W. Hill is pastor.

*Porter Swamp.*—Has experienced a cheering revival, resulting in the addition of 37 persons to the church, and an increased religious interest in the congregation generally. Has a very interesting Sabbath School in progress, and a weekly Prayer Meeting. Elder G. W. Hill is pastor.

*Seven Creeks.*—Is in peace and union. Has had the pastoral labors of Elder N. Milliken the past year, and has secured the services of Elder J. Soules the ensuing. Has enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, in a protracted meeting, in which the cause has been much revived. 30 added by baptism.

*Sandy Plains.*—Has been under the care of Elder J. M. Register the past year, whose labors appear to be blessed.

*Western Prong.*—Has experienced no change. Elder G. W. Hill was the pastoral supply during the past year. 6 added by baptism.

*White Marsh.*—Expresses nothing of special interest. Appears to be in a cold state. Elder D. J. Ray has been the pastoral supply the past year. Has secured the services of Elder J. W. Dickson the ensuing.

*Whiteville.*—Has nothing of a special nature to communicate. Elder H. Lennon was the pastoral supply the past year.

*Hickory Grove.*—Is in peace and love. Elder E. D. Johnson is pastor. 13 added by baptism.

*Shady Grove.*—Communicates nothing very cheering. Elder D. J. Ray is pastor.

*White Lake.*—Is in peace. Elder J. D. Elwell was pastor the past year. 9 added by baptism.

*White Oak.*—Is under the pastoral care of Elder F. Prevatt. Has had a very interesting protracted meeting, resulting in the addition of 14 to the church. Has a Prayer Meeting, Sabbath School and Bible Class in progress.

*Antioch*, Brunswick County.—Is in peace. Has had the services of Elder J. P. Lennon. Has a Sabbath School in progress.

*Beulah.*—Has experienced little change during the past year. Has been supplied with preaching the past year by the missionary and Elders R. J. Long and D. K. Bennett. Has engaged the pastoral services of the latter for the ensuing year.

*Bethel.*—Has no pastor. Elder J. P. Lennon has visited them three or four times. Have also had the services of J. T. Wescott and S. W. Wescott, licentiates, a portion of the year. Has a good Sabbath School and weekly Prayer Meeting. 14 added by baptism.

*Bryan's Chapel.*—Appears to be in a flourishing condition. Has experienced a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Elder J. P. Lennon has supplied them with preaching the past year. Have engaged the services of Elder A. A. Edwards the ensuing year. 43 added by baptism.

*Livingston Chapel.*—Communicates noting important. Appears to have been supplied with preaching by Elder J. P. Lennon, the itenerant.

*Mill Creek.*—Nothing important. Elder John Harrelson is pastor.

*Mount Pisgah.*—Appears to be in a flourishing condition. Elder D. N. Gore was the pastoral supply the past year. They have also shared the labors of Elders J. P. Lennon and R. J. Long. Have a Sabbath School and Missionary Society in progress. 55 have been added by baptism.

*Shallotte.*—Has had seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Appears to be well supplied with preaching. Elder D. N. Gore was pastoral supply the past year. 21 added by baptism.

*Cheerful Hope.*—Has experienced a very interesting protracted meeting, resulting in a cheering revival. 24 added by baptism. Elder J. W. Dickson is pastor.

*Green Swamp Union.*—Was constituted on the 13th day of May, 1869, by Elders J. P. Lennon and N. Milliken. They are under the pastoral care of Elder N. Milliken. Total number 24.

*Masonborough.*—Nothing important. Has been under the pastoral care of Elder A. P. Repiton the past year, but are now destitute of a pastor.

*Bear Swamp.*—The church letter says: "We have passed through a wintry season. The burning of our house of worship was followed by coldness, barrenness, strife and contention, but brighter days have dawned on our bedarkened horizon. The Lord has visited us with a glorious revival, and done great things for us, whereof we are glad." 26 have been added by baptism. Elder A. R. Pitman is pastor.

*Hay's Swamp.*—Communicates nothing cheering. Elder D. B. Ayres pastor.

*Piney Grove*, Marion County.—Has experienced a glorious revival. Has been under the pastoral care of Elder C. T. Anderson the past year, and engaged the services of Elder G. W. Hill the ensuing.

*Antioch*, Horry County.—Complains of coldness. Has enjoyed the pastoral services of Elder W. D. Martin a portion of the past year. 10 have been added by baptism.

*Pleasant Meadow*, formerly called Lebanon.—Complains of coldness and dissatisfaction as having existed in their midst, but a better state of things appear to be approaching. They have been under the pastoral care of Elder W. M. Mints the past year.

*Bethlehem.*—Is rejoicing in a gracious revival. 34 have been added by baptism. Elder H. H. Homes is pastor.

*Bug Swamp.*—Communicates nothing special. Elder W. M. Mints is pastor.

*Oak Grove.*—Has had some very interesting meetings, in which the spirit of the Lord has been manifested. Elder H. H. Homes is pastor.

*Spring Branch.*—Is in peace and harmony, but is in a very cold state.

*Spring Field.*—Is in peace and harmony. Elder D. N. Gore is pastor.

*United Churches.*—Reports nothing encouraging. Elder W. M. Mints is pastor.

*Buck Creek.*—Was constituted by Elders J. W. Gore, Daniel Boyd and D. N. Gore, on Monday after the 3d Sunday in September, 1869. Elder D. N. Gore is pastor.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES & CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismiss'd. | Excluded. | Dead. | Colored. | Total. | Ass. Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | **A. R. Pitman*, Jo. Thompson, Colin Williams, | 54 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 5 | .... | 258 | 8 00 |
| Antioch, | Jesse Phillips, E i Wishart, J. A. Rosier, | 1 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 4 | .... | 7 | 240 | 4 00 |
| Big Branch, | J. F. Ward, Giles Williams, Arch. Britt | 67 | 5 | 13 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 7 | 269 | 4 00 |
| Back Swamp, | H. G. Inman, Stephen Wiggins, J. L. Nance, | 55 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 76 | 255 | 4 00 |
| Hog Swamp, | John Hill, D. F. Edmund, L. T. Britt, | 61 | 17 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 78 | 3 00 |
| Lumberton, | Jas. Blount, A. Lawson, H. M. Rackley, | 11 | 11 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 91 | 5 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | Elias Stone, Lot Britt, Jun., Everett Phillipps. | 11 | .... | 4 | 10 | 2 | .... | 2 | 118 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | *S. D. Collins*, —— Martin, A. Miller, | 3 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 7 | 3 | 35 | 85 | 1 50 |
| Raft Swamp, | J. P. Davis, Thos. Purnell, J. R. Hilliard | 6 | 5 | .... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 80 | 1 40 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | Thos. Allen, Reubin Rosier, Isham Ivey, | 5 | .... | 1 | 5 | 6 | .... | .... | 75 | 2 00 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | *Joshua Noble*, T. J. Neely, W. J. Norris, | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 6 | 1 | .... | 143 | 3 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | Everett Strictland, Jno. Coleman, Pinkney Stricling, | 14 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | .... | 7 | 98 | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads, | H. LENNON, J. E. Lennon, F. Lennon, | 28 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 6 | .... | 32 | 211 | 6 10 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | JNO. MEARS, S. P. SUGGS, Samuel Gerrald, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 82 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | Rufus Noble, J. P. Waters, W. W. Brown, | 40 | 2 | 3 | 4 | .... | .... | 35 | 133 | 2 30 |
| Mount Moriah, | *J. P. Pierce, *Jno. Shipman, | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 13 | 1 50 |
| Mount Sinai, | M. J. Harrelson, S. D. Todd, *Jno. Grainger, | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | .... | .... | 13 | 70 | 2 00 |
| Mount Tabor, | Michael Prince, S. F. Norris, *W. P. C. Prince, | 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | .... | 104 | 2 00 |
| Mount Zion, | **D. J. Ray*, Calvin Jones, J. E. Campbell, | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 25 | 87 | 3 10 |
| Pleasant Hill, | J. W. GORE, D. N. GORE, Henry Thompson, | 8 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 23 | 123 | 3 05 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. HILL, M. G. Sasser, **Needham Stevens*, | 33 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 68 | 251 | 3 25 |
| Porter Swamp, | A. F. Powell, B. V. Coleman, J. C. Carrol, | 33 | 1 | 3 | 12 | .... | 1 | 39 | 146 | 3 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | *Jas. Stevens, *Isaac Stevens, | 30 | 3 | 5 | 2 | .... | .... | 27 | 118 | 1 50 |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.—Continued.

| COUNTIES & CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismiss'd. | Excluded. | Dead. | Colored. | Total. | Ass. Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sandy Plains, | James M. Register. | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 3 | 1 | .... | 62 | 1 50 |
| Sweet Home, | Not represented. Total in 1868 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 49 | ..... |
| Waccamaw, | Not represented. Total in 1868 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7 | ..... |
| Western Prong, | Lennon Jordan, *W. A. Blount, D. H. Cook, | 6 | .... | .... | 4 | .... | 1 | .... | 55 | 2 30 |
| White Marsh, | M. Powell, B. S. Jones, H. C. Creach, | .... | .... | 1 | 10 | 2 | .... | 21 | 86 | 2 50 |
| Whiteville, | R. M. Rackan, T. S. Memory, W. A. Memory, | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 16 | 34 | 3 75 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessoms, Ewen Johnson, *Allen Edwards, | 13 | .... | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 55 | 219 | 3 00 |
| Paradise, | Rufus Register, W. J. Register, | 12 | 1 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 81 | 1 50 |
| Shady Grove, | C. F. Thompson, D. W. Thompson, B. A. Thompson, | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | 6 | .... | 4 | 71 | 2 05 |
| White Lake, | J. G. Sutton, J. A. Sutton, G. W. Sutton, | 9 | .... | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 99 | 3 00 |
| White Oak, | W. S. Melvin, John Monroe, J. J. Cain, | 12 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | 97 | 2 50 |
| French's Creek, | J. D. Elwell, E. D. Russ, G. W. Barnhill, | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 106 | 2 00 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | R. W. Woodsides, Richard E. Carney, | 7 | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 14 | 1 50 |
| Beulah, | *Jno. H. McLane, *L. J. McLane, | .... | 3 | 1 | 2 | .... | 1 | .... | 36 | 1 05 |
| Bethel, | J. L. Wescott, B. D. Wescott, | 14 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | 1 50 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | Sam. Jordan, *Charles Murril, Jacob Garrison, | 43 | .... | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 61 | 2 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | J. W. Dickson, Thos. Rogers, W. H. Mitchel, | 24 | .... | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 68 | 2 25 |
| Livingston Chapel, | C. I. Oats, Wm. R. Skipper, S. D. Gurganus, | 15 | 19 | .... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 61 | 2 75 |
| Mill Creek, | Wm. Devane, *Wm. Willets*, | 3 | 1 | .... | 5 | 1 | .... | .... | 79 | 3 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | A. A. Edwards, Joseph Stanaland, Jesse Lancaster, | 55 | 5 | 4 | .... | 4 | 2 | 47 | 181 | 5 00 |
| New Britain, | Not represented. Total in 1868, | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 97 | ..... |
| Shallotte, | *R. J. Long, D. K. Bennett, A. T. Hewett, | 21 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 28 | 167 | 4 00 |
| Green Swamp Union, | Jesse H. Little, *Eli Milliken, *Moses McKeithen, | .... | 16 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 24 | 1 75 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masonborough,....... | *Jno. G. Wagner, John J. Beasly, Elijah Hewlett,.. | 1 | 7 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | 44 | 1 50 |
| MARION COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp,......... | Everett Page, J. F. Grantham, E. B. Ford,........ | 26 | 3 | 11 | 15 | 4 | .... | 17 | 237 | 4 10 |
| Hay's Swamp,........ | *Royal Willoughby, Mark McDonald, Quincy Jackson | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 19 | 1 50 |
| Piney Grove,......... | E. L. Rogers, R. H. Rogers, Andrew Scott,......... | 41 | 4 | 6 | .... | 2 | 1 | 17 | 177 | 3 25 |
| HORRY COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch,............. | E. P. Pitman, S. P. Genett, T. M. McRackin,...... | 10 | .... | .... | 1 | 4 | .... | 3 | 34 | 1 00 |
| Bethlehem, .......... | *J. H. Faulk, W. H. Harriss, R. Milligan,.......... | 34 | 1 | 5 | 1 | .... | 1 | 5 | 89 | 2 00 |
| Bug Swamp,......... | *W. H. Hamilton, H. H. Homes, E. C. Harris,...... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 53 | 1 50 |
| Horry Camp,......... | Not represented. Total in 1867,................. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 43 | ...... |
| Little River, ......... | Not represented. Total unknown,............... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ...... |
| Oak Grove, .......... | A. J. Faircloth, J. W. Martin, G. A. Prince,........ | 8 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 1 | .... | .... | 47 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Meadow,.... | John Causer, *H. M. Anderson, F. A. Prince,...... | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | .... | 5 | 136 | 1 00 |
| Salem,.............. | ................................................. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ...... |
| Spring Branch,....... | J. M. McGougan, Levi Grainger, C. Williamson,.... | .... | 1 | .... | 5 | 1 | .... | 3 | 116 | 3 00 |
| Spring Field,......... | Wm. Hughes, *Sam. Hughes, S. P. Hickman,...... | .... | .... | 10 | 1 | .... | .... | 5 | 69 | 2 00 |
| Piney Grove,......... | ................................................. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ...... |
| United Churches,..... | *Thos. McD. Owens, J. J. Joiner, T. R. Stevens,... | 3 | 9 | 2 | 9 | .... | 2 | .... | 74 | 2 00 |
| Buck Creek,.......... | Jas. H. Tart, *W. E. Gore, W. B. Hardee,........ | 45 | 10 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 6 | 52 | 1 00 |
| | | 879 | 199 | 134 | 203 | 144 | 45 | 653 | 6122 | 145 95 |

*Ordained Ministers names are printed in Small Capitals, and licensed Ministers in Italics.

## *G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in account with the Domestic Missionary Board.*

| | Dr. |
|---|---|
| To amount sent up by the churches, including individual contributions and sums accounted for by the Missionaries, | $574 23 |
| To Sabbath collection, | 51 00 |
| | $625 23 |

| | Cr. |
|---|---|
| By amount paid Elder J. P. Lennon, | $347 00 |
| " " " Elder J. W. Gore, | 100 00 |
| " " " Elder D. B. Ayres, | 42 00 |
| " " " Elder G. W. Hill, | 106 00 |
| | $595 00 |

Leaving $30 23 to be accounted for by the Treasurer. There will be $280 27 due for Missionary Services at the rate of $1 50 per day.

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## *G. W. Hill, Treasurer, in account with the Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

| | Dr. |
|---|---|
| To amount sent up by the churches, | $149 80 |

| | Cr. |
|---|---|
| By amount paid for printing minutes, | $110 00 |
| " " allowed Clerk for services, | 30 00 |
| " balance due for freight last year, | 4 00 |
| | $144 00 |
| Leaving a balance to pay freight of | $5 80 |

Amount sent up for Foreign Missions :

| | |
|---|---|
| Hickory Grove Church, | $6 10 |
| Buck Swamp Church, | 5 80 |
| | $11 90 |

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICES. | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| D. B. Ayres, | Lumberton, Robeson | County, | N. C. |
| Joel Bennett, | Shallotte, Brunswick | “ | “ |
| Daniel Boyd, | Conwayborough, Horry | “ | S. C. |
| Zadoc Bullock, | Fair Bluff, Columbus | “ | N. C. |
| James Cashwell, | Bladen Station, Bladen | “ | “ |
| P. C. Connelly, | Montpelier, Richmond | “ | “ |
| J. W. Dickson, | Flemington, Columbus | “ | “ |
| J. W. Gore, | Whiteville, Columbus | “ | “ |
| D. N. Gore, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| John Harrelson, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| G. W. Hill, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| E. D. Johnson, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| Haynes Lennon, | Peacock's Store, Columbus | “ | “ |
| J. P. Lennon, | Robeson's P. O., Brunswick | “ | “ |
| H. H. Homes, | Conwayborough, Horry | “ | S. C. |
| M. R. Martin, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| Norman Martin, | Lumberton, Robeson | “ | N. C. |
| Edward Martin, | Elizabethtown, Bladen | “ | “ |
| Noah Mercer, | Lumberton, Robeson | “ | “ |
| W. S. Melvin, | Elizabethtown, Bladen | “ | “ |
| W. M. Mints, | Shallotte, Brunswick | “ | “ |
| Nathan Milliken, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| A. R. Pitman, | Lumberton, Robeson | “ | “ |
| D. J. Ray, | Whiteville, Columbus | “ | “ |
| J. M. Register, | White Hall, Bladen | “ | “ |
| R. M. Sessoms, | Elizabethtown, Bladen | “ | “ |
| Joshua Soules, | Ceregorda, Columbus | “ | “ |
| John Mears, | Whiteville “ | “ | “ |
| S. P. Suggs, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| Isham Stone, | Lumberton, Robeson | “ | “ |
| D. K. Bennett, | Shallotte, Brunswick | “ | “ |
| R. J. Long, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| J. D. Elwell, | Elizabethtown, Bladen | “ | “ |
| James H. Tart, | Fair Bluff, Columbus | “ | “ |

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## LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICE. | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Zachariah Carter, | Lumberton, Robeson | County, | N. C. |
| S. B. Robins, | Smithville, Brunswick | “ | “ |
| B. G. Sellers, | Shallotte “ | “ | “ |
| Richard Prince, | Whiteville, Columbus | “ | “ |
| Needham Stevens, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| William Willets, | Smithville, Brunswick | “ | “ |
| S. W. Wescott, | “ “ | “ | “ |
| Pinckney Blackman, | Whiteville, Columbus | “ | “ |
| Joshua Noble, | Grist's Depot | “ | “ |

## REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

This may certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of Elder G. W. Hill, as Treasurer of the Association and Domestic Missionary Board, and find them correct.

HAYNES LENNON, } Auditing Com.
T. S. MEMORY, }

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT PLEASANT HILL, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 21-24, 1870.

LUMBERTON, N. C.:
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# PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, October 26, 1870.

The services were opened by reading the 14th Chapter of St. John—hymn: "Jesus, Immortal King." Prayer was offered by Elder A. R. Pitman—hymn: "Hasten, Lord, the Promised Hour."

Elder H. Lennon announced the 3rd verse of St. Jude as his text, and preached the introductory sermon according to appointment, Elder G. W. Hill leading in prayer at the close. Benediction by Elder H. Lennon.

After a short intermission the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read the 26th Psalm—hymn, "Ye that Obey the Immortal King."

Elder J. W. Dickson and brethren J. G. Sutton and F. Lennon were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Elders A. R. Pitman and D. K. Bennett are requested to act as Assistant Clerks. The Church letters are called for, and the names of the delegates enrolled with the statistics, and referred to a Committee consisting of Elder G. W. Hill, J. W. Dickson, A. R. Pitman and D. K. Bennett, in order to prepare an abstract of their contents and report on to-morrow.

Elder H. Lennon is re-elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill, Clerk and Treasurer.

Letters of Correspondence from sister Associations are called for.

Elder J. R. Oliver, from the Eastern Association, came forward and was welcomed to a seat.

An invitation was extended to newly constituted churches desiring to connect themselves with the Association; whereupon petitions from Piney Forest and Cedar Grove, Columbus County, N. C., and Abbottsburg and Mount Pleasant, Bladen County, were presented, which, after examination into the orthodoxy of said churches, were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

The Moderator announced Committees on the following subjects, viz.:

*On Religious Exercises*—Elders W. Z. Wood, Thomas Thompson, T. S. Memory, J. G. Sutton and F. Lennon.

*On Vigilance*—Henry Thompson, W. F. Boswell, A. P. Daniel, E. C. Gerrald and H. H. Jolly.

*On Periodicals*—A. F. Powell, J. M. Register and J. M. Highsmith.

*On Ministerial Examination*—D. K. Bennett, J. D. Elwell, J. W. Dickson, G. W. Hill, A. R. Pitman and H. Lennon.

*On Sabbath Schools*—J. W. Dickson, T. S. Memory and C. D. Russ.

*On Appointment of Corresponding Messengers*—Ewen Johnson, Orran Lennon and D. N. Gore.

*On Arrangements*—H. Lennon and G. W. Hall.

*On the objects of the Baptist State Convention*---J. D. Elwell, J. R. Oliver and J. C. Powell.

*On Queries*---D. K. Bennett, G. W. Hill, H. Lennon, A. R. Pitman and D J. Ray.

*On the Division of Pastoral Labors, time of holding church meetings, Ministerial Address, &c.*---G. W. Hill, A. R. Pitman, D. K. Bennett and J. W. Dickson.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder J. D. Elwell.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 22, 1870.

The list of the Churches was called.

The Moderator read the 17th chapter of St. John.

Hymn—"I love to see the Lord below."

Prayer was offered by Elder D. J. Ray.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements was read, received and made the order of the day.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Letters from churches not represented on yesterday were called for, read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

An invitation to Corresponding Messengers and visiting brethren was extended.

A petition from the church at Conwayborough was presented, read, received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegate.

The Committee appointed to visit the Honey Camp Church was called on to report. Report received and the Committee discharged.

The Committee to visit the Salem Church made the following report:

Your Committee to visit the Church at Salem, Horry County, South Carolina, would most respectfully say that we waited on said Church, on Saturday before the 3d Lord's day in February, 1870, and found the following condition of things:

1. At the time of our Association there was a general schism in said church, brought about by some undue influence of their pastor, William M. Mints; also much disorderly conduct on the part of a few members.

2. Before our arrival those difficulties were professedly settled, but bear the impress that the whole procedure was with an eye to an evasion of a general investigation by the Association.

3. That the said William M. Mints admitted being the author of the letter sent up to the last Association, but did not recollect stating in said letter the "majority of the members were under whiskey influence." But upon demand made no defense of what he had written, further than to state, that on one Conference occasion one of their members went to a grog shop.

4. That the said William M. Mints had resigned his pastorate and obtained a dismissal letter. In conclusion of this report, allow us to state that there is much reason to believe that the irregularities and confusion of this

church, have, in the main, arisen from a corrupted ministerial mismanagement and that under an efficient, humble ministry, this church and people would soon resuscitate and occupy their proper position in your Association. All of which is respectfully submitted.

HAYNES LENNON,
G. W. HILL.

After considerable discussion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, William M. Mints, an ordained minister of the gospel, living in the State of North Carolina, Brunswick County, and a member of the church at Salem, Horry County, South Carolina, who, in the month of January, 1870, obtained a letter of dismissal, but has said letter yet in his possession. And whereas, the said William M. Mints has in divers instances manifested ministerial corruption and personal impiety; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the church at Salem to recall his letter and arraign him at the bar of said church for discipline.

*Resolved*, That this Association appoint a Presbytery of ministers to visit the Salem church and aid them in said investigation.

The following ministers were appointed as the above named committee, viz: H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, A. R. Pitman, J. W. Dickson, J. W. Gore, J. D. Elwell and John Harrelson.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

The Association convened, and the following report on the objects of the Baptist State Convention was read.

The Committee on the Baptist State Convention submit the following report:

The objects of this body being general missions and the education of indigent brethren for the ministry, are commendable and should receive our earnest attention. Reports may be written and speeches delivered, but we need prompt action. There are many destitute places both at home and abroad, which should be speedily occupied, and educated preachers are needed to expound the truth.

These things cannot be done without the spending of money. Self-denial must be practiced and system devised and executed in order to accomplish these great objects. We therefore recommend that the ministers preach more on benevolence, setting forth the scriptural teaching on the subject,and strive to get *every* member of their charges to give something for the cause. Train every member to the duty and privilege of giving, and we will then see a different state of affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ELWELL, Chm'n.

Remarks were made by Elder J. R. Oliver, and the report was received.

The report on Periodicals was read, received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Since the art of printing has attained to such perfection, none of us need be at a loss to know what is transpiring in the remotest parts of our happy land, as well too that which is taking place far away among the blind and benighted of the "Old World."

If it were not for this kind provision---given us as a blessing from above---no order that we might communicate our thoughts and feelings to our friends and the world generally, much better off 'tis true, would we be than those poor creatures who are daily bowing down to "stocks and stones" of their own mechanism, which they call gods, but we never could have reached that degree of intelligence and civilization we now enjoy.

Every family, we think, should take at least one paper, and if but *one* let this be the ***Biblical Recorder***. We commend it not only to every Baptist, but also to every one who wishes to learn the true principles of christianity as taught in the sacred writings. It contains much of general intelligence as well as moral and religious teaching. Every one should have access to it. It is the Baptist organ of North Carolina, and as such, let us patronize it. The Sabbath School paper, *Kind Words and Child's Delight*, organ of the Southern Baptist Convention, highly prized and welcomed by every little child that is so fortunate as to receive it semi-monthly, with its Bible pictures and precious stories of love and kindness.

We should place at the disposal of our children such books and periodicals as will not only interest, but teach them to love and adore Jesus, who loves them and has said, of such is the kingdom of Heaven. We should all be concerned about the welfare and progress of our cause in foreign lands. "The Home and Foreign Journal," published in Richmond, Va., by Dr. Taylor, gives very minute accounts of this. It therefore demands our consideration.

Brethren: we wish a Religious paper to find its way to the fireside of each and every one of us, weekly, and we bespeak this privilege for the "Biblical Recorder," edited by Bro. J. H. Mills, a scholar, a christian, and well qualified to defend the glorious doctrine of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as maintained by the Missionary Baptist Church.

A. F. POWELL,
J. M. REGISTER, } Com.
ISAAC M. HIGHSMITH,

The Report on the abstract of the church letters was made the business of Monday morning.

It was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Porter Swamp, Columbus County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1871, services to commence at 10½ o'clock. Elder J. W. Dickson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder D. K. Bennett alternate; Elder H. Lennon to preach the 12 o'clock Sermon on Sabbath, and Elder A. R. Pitman alternate.

Adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock on Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Oliver.

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SABBATH MORNING, October 23d, 1870.

The weather was pleasant and the congregation large, orderly and unusually attentive.

The services were opened by reading the 27th Psalm and Singing, Hymn, "O for a heart to praise my God." Elder A. A. Edward leading in prayer. Hymn, "Through all the changing scenes of life." Elder H. Lennon preached the Morning Sermon from Jonah, 3d chapter, 9th verse.

At the conclusion the congregation joined in singing Hymn, "Lord I approach the mercy seat." Elder J. D. Elwell then announced his text from St. Mark, 16th chap., 15th verse, and preached the Missionary Sermon, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $64.26, while the brethren were singing, "From Greenland's icy Mountains." An intermission is given while the congregation retire to the grove to partake of refreshments.

After which they assemble around the stand and sing, Hymn, "And did the Holy and the Just." Prayer is offered by Elder G. W. Hill. Hymn, "Now the power of God Supreme." Elder A. R. Pitman preached the evening sermon from 1st Cor., 1st chap. 30th verse; at the close, Elder H. Lennon leads in prayer. Thus closes the services of this delightful Sabbath day.

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MONDAY MORNING, October 24th, 1870.

The list of the churches is called, a majority being present, the services are opened by singing, Hymn, "My soul, how Lovely is the Place." Bro. S. D. Collins leading in prayer. Elder J. W. Potter, from the Tar River Association, is introduced and invited to a seat.

The list of the Delegates is called and corrected, and the proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

Report on the Abstract of the Church Letters is read and received, and its appendage to the Minutes ordered.

Petitions from several churches for dividing the Association into four districts, are taken up and discussed and laid on the table.

A letter of dismission is granted to the White Oak church to join the Cedar Creek Association.

The Committee to select Corresponding Delegates made the following report.

The Committee to select Corresponding Messengers submit the following Report, viz:

To the Welsh Neck Association.---Elders. J. W. Gore, J. H. Tart, and Brethren R. G. W. Grissett, William Hughes.

To the Peedee Association.---Elders A. R. Pitman, D. B. Ayres, and Brethren A. F. Powell and Everett Strictling.

To the Cedar Creek Association.---Elders J. D. Elwell, R. M. Sessoms, and Brethren, J. G. Sutton, and J. H. Marshburn.

To the Eastern Association.---Elders J. P. Lennon, J. W. Dickson, and Brethren Isaac M. Highsmith and H. C. Creach.

Respectfully submitted,
EWEN JOHNSON, Chm'n.

The Committee of Finance presented the following Report:

The Committee of Finance report $142,45 sent up by the churches. Sabbath collection $64,26, of this amount $1,75 for Foreign Missions.

J. W. DICKSON, Chm'n.

Ordered that the Financial Committee pay over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

It was also ordered that the remaining funds in hand, if any remain after defraying the expenses of printing the Minutes,be paid over to the Domestic Mission Board.

It was moved and carried that any brother visiting a sister Association be recognized as a Corresponding Messenger.

A blank form of a church letter with statistical table was presented and adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes, and churches requested to use said form in their letters to the Association.

Ordered that 2,500 copies of these Minutes be printed, and that the Clerks endeavor to have the printing done on the most favorable terms.

The Clerk was allowed thirty-five dollars for transcribing and superintending the distribution of the Minutes.

The Report on the Division of Pastoral Labor, Post office address, &c., was read and ordered to be put in tabular form and appended to the Minutes.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

The great design of the Sabbath School is to teach the rising generation something of the obligations they owe to their Maker; therefore, we as Missionary Baptists, of all others, should engage earnestly in the work; and so long as there is one to be taught just so long ought we to prosecute the work.

The Sabbath School, like every other means for the spread of the gospel, has its opponents, and its worst enemies are often those of our own household.

1. The establishment of a Sabbath School in every Church would confer great benefits on the church members, in causing them to study the Bible so as to teach it.
2. It opens a field for male and female to labor for Christ.
3. The church that takes care of the children will have the people.
4. It was an advantage to Timothy that from a child he had known the Holy Scriptures.
5. If a cup of cold water given to a disciple in the name of a disciple shall in no case lose its reward, then most assuredly there is a reward for those who will teach God's Commandments.

J. W. DICKSON, Ch'm Committee.

The delegates appointed to the last Baptist State Convention were called on to report.

Elders A. R. Pitman and J. P. Lennon responded and said that they attended the last Convention with Brother Joseph Stanaland, who is not present at this time, and expressed themselves as well satisfied at the interest manifested in the meeting.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the next meeting of the Baptist State Convention, viz:

Elders H. Lennon, J. P. Lennon, A. R. Pitman, D. K. Bennett, R. J. Long, J. M. Register, James Cashwell, G. W. Hill, J. D. Elwell, and Brethren A. F. Powell, Joseph Stanaland, Isaac W. King, Joseph P. King, Eli Wishart and F. Lennon.

Appointed J. W. Ellis, T. S. Memory and H. Lennon to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

The following report was submitted and approved:

The Committee on Ministerial Examination, would respectfully state, that they have examined Brother S. D. Collins on his call to the ministry and consider him to be orthodox in the faith, and therefore recommend him to his church for ordination. They would also further say that they have examined Brother Willis Haynes, (colored,) and so far as they are able to judge, take pleasure in recommending his ordination.

Appointed Elder A. R. Pitman, T. S. Memory and F. Lennon a Committee to confer with Elder H. Lennon in regard to the publication of the introductory sermon in the *Biblical Recorder*.

Appointed J. W. Ellis, T. S Memory and Elder J. D. Elwell to confer with ministers who do not attend the meetings of this body.

Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, and Brethren T. S. Memory, J. W. Ellis and A. F. Powell were appointed an Executive Committee.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

The Association came in session.

It was agreed that Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in November be observed as a day of general thanksgiving to Almighty God for Temporal and Spiritual Blessings.

On motion of Brother J. M. McGougan the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we return our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and citizens in the vicinity of Pleasant Hill Church for the cordial welcome and general hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors attending this Association.

*Resolved*, That our thanks be also extended to the officers and conductors on the several Railroads, for their courtesy in passing our delegates at half fare.

The Brethren then joined in singing—"Blest be the tie that binds." After which prayer was offered, and the Association adjourned to the time and place appointed.

HAYNES LENNON, Moderator.

G. W. HILL, Clerk.

## MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Association met in Whiteville, on the 5th day of December, 1870. Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, and Brethren T. S. Memory and J. W. Ellis being present.

Elder D. J. Ray being also present, was called to the chair, and proceeded to take up the unfinished business of last session.

The Queries from the Back Swamp Church were taken into consideration.

Query 1. Is it proper for a church to grant a letter of dismission to a member to join a church more inconvenient without giving satisfactory reasons?

Answer. No.

2. What course should be taken with a member who subscribes for the support of the church and fails to pay his subscription?

Answer. The church should take his pecuniary condition into consideration at the time the said subscription was due and deal with him accordingly.

3. What should be done with a member who fails either to subscribe or pay?

Answer. Let a Committee visit him and report his pecuniary condition, and if able to pay, but refuses to do so, the church should deal with him for covetousness.

*Query from Ashpole Church.*—Is there precept or example in the Word of God for licensing men to preach the gospel?

Answer. It is an ancient custom of the Baptist denomination, and we are of opinion that it accords with scripture usage. 1 Tim. 3 chap. 1-11 verses.

D. J. RAY, Chairman.

G. W. HILL, Secretary.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

SATURDAY, October 22, 1870.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Elder H. Lennon.

Appointed Elders D. K. Bennett, J. H. Tart and Bro. A. F. Powell, Committee of Finance.

The list of the churches was called and the amounts paid in and acknowledged by the Missionaries, as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ashpole, | $23 50 | Beulah, | $10 00 |
| Antioch, | 20 95 | Bethel, | 15 00 |
| Big Branch, | 24 50 | Bryan's Chapel, | 15 15 |
| Back Swamp, | 124 00 | Cheerful Hope, | 17 60 |
| Hog Swamp, | 6 75 | Livingston Chapel, | 44 98 |
| Lumberton, | 14 15 | Mount Pisgah, | 30 80 |
| Mount Eliam, | 15 70 | New Britain, | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 9 20 | Shallotte, | 10 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | 6 60 | Masonboro, | 30 05 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | 2 00 | Bear Swamp, | 24 10 |
| Cherry Grove, | 4 00 | Piney Grove, | 7 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 40 80 | Bug Swamp, | 14 00 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | 7 60 | Honey Camp, | 3 50 |
| Macedonia, | 3 15 | Pleasant Meadow, | 12 40 |
| Mount Sinai, | 1 00 | Salem, | 6 85 |
| Mount Zion, | 24 75 | Spring Branch, | 30 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 11 25 | Springfield, | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Plains, | 11 40 | United Churches, | 5 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | 25 10 | Buck Creek, | 10 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | 3 00 | Abbottsburg, | 30 00 |
| Sandy Plains, | 8 75 | Piney Forest, | 37 75 |
| Western Prong, | 10 75 | Cedar Grove, | 8 50 |
| White Marsh, | 22 50 | Conwayboro', | 27 50 |
| Whiteville, | 30 00 | J. P. Edwards, | 15 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 21 75 | Elder J. W. Gore, | 1 00 |
| Paradise, | 16 30 | Mrs. Elizabeth Gore, | 1 00 |
| Shady Grove, | 9 75 | Miss L. D. Gore, | 50 |
| White Lake, | 138 00 | | |
| White Oak, | 12 50 | | $1,117 38 |
| French's Creek, | 30 00 | | |
| Antioch, (Brunswick) | 15 00 | | |

The following is a list of life members as far as could be ascertained, viz: Oran Lennon, J. G. Sutton, John A. Sutton, D. H. Marshburn, Munroe Peterson, Elder J. D. Elwell, Joseph Stanaland, Caswell Porter, Isaac W. King, J. F. Grantham, Coleman Worley, Elder James Cashwell, Neill Townsend, T. S. Memory, L. F. Nance, J. D. Clark, Orran Monroe, Levi Grainger, F. Lennon, Joel L. Inman, Berry Godwin, Elder H. Lennon, R. M. McRackan, Elder J. P. Lennon, W. H. Hamilton, Elder R. J. Long, Moses Hewett, Elder D. N. Gore, Elder J. W. Gore, J. F. Ward, A. M. Gore, R. P. Lennon, Elder G. W. Hill, Elder A. R. Pitman.

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Chairman and Elder G. W. Hill, Secretary and Treasurer.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Secretary and approved.

Elder J. D. Elwell read the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN: I was employed by your Committee the week after your last session, and entered immediately upon the field of labor assigned me; I was cordially received by the brethren and people generally.

I have lost but little time since I received the appointment. I have missed only two appointments during the year, and that was caused by high water.

I have labored three hundred and thirty-six (336) days and preached three hundred and forty-two (342) sermons; made eight (8) Sabbath School lectures; baptized one hundred and five (105) persons and received for baptism nine, (9) assisted in restoring eleven (11.) Total 125.

I have assisted in the ordination of five (5) Deacons and in the constitution of three churches and organized three Sabbath Schools.

I have paid some attention to the colored people and preached to them several times and assisted in the ordination of two colored ministers.

I have collected in cash during the year, five hundred and thirty dollars and twenty cents ($530 20.) The amount of the subscriptions is before you.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ELWELL.

## REPORT OF ELDER J. P. LENNON.

Dear Brethren: I entered my field of labor soon after my appointment by the Executive Committee.

I have traveled for the Board 240 days, preached 256 sermons, baptised 76 persons and received a considerable number which I did not baptize, and collected $173 64 from churches and individuals. And now, Dear Brethren, accept my thanks for the confidence reposed in me as your humble Missionary and the prayer that the Great Giver of all good would send forth more laborers into the vineyard, for the harvest is truly plenteous and the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. LENNON.

## REPORT OF ELDER D. K. BENNETT.

Dear Brethren: I commenced the work assigned me by the Board in June, and rejoice that the work seems to have prospered in my hands.

I have labored for the Board 27 days, preached 33 sermons, baptized 12 persons and received several on christian experience whom I did not baptize.

I have collected from churches and individuals $25 00. Returning my thanks to the Executive Committee for the confidence reposed in me, and to the Author of all good for his mercies and grace,

Thie report is respectfully submitted,
D. K. BENNETT.

The former Executive Committee, viz: H. Lennon, T. S. Memory, A. F. Powell, F. Lennon and G. W. Hill were reappointed.

The Board adjourned till Monday.

Monday Morning, October 24, 1870.

The Committee of Finance report eleven hundred and forty five (1145 74) dollars and 74 cents, including the amounts acknowledged by the Missionaries.

Ordered that the Committee of Finance pay over the funds in hand to the Tresurer.

It was unanimously agreed to engage the services of

Elder J. D. Elwell, as Missionary and agent for the ensuing year.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

The following amounts were pledged by the brethren as follows for the ensuing year, viz :

| | |
|---|---|
| J. D. Elwell, | $25 00 |
| S. B. Jennings, | 25 00 |
| H. Lennon, | 25 00 |
| J. W. King, | 25 00 |
| J. W. Dickson, | 25 00 |
| J. P. Lennon, | 25 00 |
| A. F. Powell, | 25 00 |
| Moses Hewett, | 25 00 |
| G. W. Hill, | 25 00 |
| A. R. Pitman, | 25 00 |
| J. J. Edwards, (per G. W. Hill,) | 15 00 |
| J. W. Baldwin, | 10 00 |
| Jordan Woolard, | 10 00 |
| R. L. Mason, | 10 00 |
| J. M. Register, | $10 00 |
| R. W. Woodsides, | 10 00 |
| John W. Smith, | 10 00 |
| E. S. Ayers, (Paid) | 10 00 |
| Henry Thompson, | 5 00 |
| Sam. Stone, | 5 00 |
| R. J. Long, | 5 00 |
| J. R. Burchett, | 5 00 |
| J. G. Sutton, | 5 00 |
| R. M. Sessoms, | 5 00 |
| J. F. Ward, | 5 00 |
| U. F. Boswell, | 5 00 |
| | $375 00 |

The Board adjourned.

H. LENNON, Chairman.

G. W. Hill, Secretary.

# A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION, AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Ashpole.—Is in peace and harmony, has enjoyed a glorious refreshing from the presence of the Lord. 16 added by baptism Sabbath School and Bible Class in a flourishing condition. Elder A. R. Pitman is Pastor.

Antioch.—Peace and harmony abounds. Elder Haynes Lennon is Pastor.— has a Bible Class under the supervision of the Pastor.

Big Branch.—Nothing special. Peace and harmony abound—has a large and interesting Sabbath School and Bible Class under the direction of the Pastor, Elder G. W. Hill.

Back Swamp.—Has had a cheering revival. Is under the Pastoral care of Elder J. D. Elwell. 32 added by baptism —has a flourishing Sabbath School.

Hog Swamp.—Has had an interesting protracted meeting. 13 added to the church. Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor.

Lumberton.—In peace and harmony and rejoicing in a revival of religion—has a flourishing Sabbath School and Bible Class. Elder A. R. Pitman is Pastor.

Mount Eliam.—Peace and harmony abounds—has a Sabbath School and Bible Class. Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Pleasant Grove.—Is destitute of a Pastor—has enjoyed the services of Elders D. B. Ayres and A. R. Pitman. A flourishing Sabbath School and Bible Class in progress.

Raft Swamp.—Nothing special. Is under the Pastoral care of Elder Isham Stone—has a Sabbath School.

Zion's Tabernacle.—In peace and good order. Elder R. M. Sessoms, Pastor.

Beaver Dam.—Complains of coldness—is destitute of a Pastor—has occasional visits from Elder S. P. Suggs.

Cherry Grove.—All in peace. Elder J. Sowles is Pastor.

Cross Roads.—In good order. Has a flourishing Sabbath School and Bible Class also a regular Prayer Meeting. Has experienced a cheering revival. 15 added by baptism, Elder H. Lennon is Pastor.

Iron Hill X Roads.—Nothing important. Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor.

Macedonia.—Is in peace. Has a flourishing Sabbath School and Bible Class, 16 added by baptism. Has experienced a revival. Elder J. W. Gore is Pastor.

Mount Moriah.—Reports a gradual progress in spirituality and numbers. Elder J. W. Dickson is Pastor.

Mount Sinai.—Expresses peace and harmony. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastoral supply.

Mount Tabor.—Has been somewhat revived. Has engaged the services of Elder S. P. Suggs as Pastor. 15 added by baptism.

Mount Zion.—Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class, superintended by the Pastor, Elder J. W. Dickson, 7 baptized.

Pleasant Hill.—Has experienced some cheering seasons. Reports a gradual progress. Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class; Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor.

Pleasant Plains.—Reports no material change. Has a Sabbath School. Elder G. W. Hill, Pastor.

Porter Swamp.—Nothing special. Sabbath School in progress. Elder G. W. Hill, Pastor.

Seven Creeks.—Reports 10 added by baptism, Elder J. Sowles is Pastor.

Sandy Plains.—Has been greatly revived under the Pastoral care of Elder J. W. Dickson, 7 added by baptism.

Sweet Home.—Reports no change. Complains of coldness, Elder D. N. Gore is Pastor.

Western Prong —Has been blessed with a glorious revival, resulting in the addition of 42 by baptism. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor. Has an interesting Sabbath School.

White Marsh.—Reports a glorious revival, 35 added by baptism. Has a flourishing Sabbath School and Bible Class; Elder J. W. Dickson is Pastor.

Whiteville.—Reports no change. Elder G. W. Hill has officiated as Pastoral supply the past year.

Hickory Grove.—Has experienced a gracious revival, 27 added by baptism, peace and harmony abound; Elder E. D. Johnson is Pastor.

Paradise.—Nothing cheering, Elder J. M. Register is Pastor.

Shady Grove.—Rejoices in a gracious revival, 31 added by baptism, Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

White Lake.—All in peace. Has enjoyed the labors of the Missionary, Elder J. D. Elwell.

White Oak.—In peace. Has had a protracted meeting of some interest, 6 added by baptism. By request is dismissed to join the Cedar Creek Association.

French's Creek.—Nothing special, Elder J. M. Register is Pastor.

Antioch (Brunswick County.)—Nothing special. Has a Sabbath School. No Pastor.

BEULAH.—All in peace, Elder D. K. Bennett is Pastor.

BRYAN'S CHAPEL.—Nothing special. Elder A. A. Edwards is Pastor.

CHEERFUL HOPE.—No special change, has a Sabbath School and Bible class, Elder J. W. Dickson is Pastor.

MILL CREEK.—Has had some additions to its members. 10 added by baptism.

MOUNT PISGAH.—Is represented as being in good condition. Has a Female Missionary Society, Elder J. P. Lennon is Pastor.

SHALLOTTE.—Appears to be in a prosperous condition. Has a Sabbath School in progress ; Elder D. K. Bennett is Pastor.

MASONBOROUGH.—Has experienced a glorious revival. Received by baptism 26, Elder A. A. Edwards is Pastor.

BEAR SWAMP.—Nothing special. Has experienced a very interesting meeting. 12 added by baptism. Bible class and Sabbath School in a flourishing condition ; Elder A. R. Pitman is pastor.

PINEY GROVE.—No material change. Enjoyed the pastoral services of Elder G. W. Hill the past year.

BUG SWAMP.—Reports peace and harmony abounding. H. H. Thomas is Pastor.

HONEY CAMP.—Nothing importent. Has a Sabbath School in progress. Elder J. Sowles is Pastor.

OAK GROVE.—Expresses nothing interesting. H. H. Holmes is Pastor.

PLEASANT MEADOW.—Nothing special. Has a Sabbath School and prayer meeting in progress. Elder H. H. Holmes is Pastor.

SALEM.—Complains of coldness. Has suffered the loss of their house of worship by fire. Elder H. H. Holmes is Pastoral supply.

SPRING BRANCH.—Reports a flourishing Sabbath School in progress. Has experienced a very interesting meeting of several days duration. 17 added by baptism. Elder F. Prevatt is pastor.

UNITED CHURCHES.—Has experienced a cheering revival. 15 added by baptism. Elder H. H. Holmes is pastor.

SPRINGFIELD.—Nothing special. Elder D. N. Gore is pastor,

NEW BRITAIN.—In peace and harmony. Elder Joel Bennet is pastor.

BUCK CREEK.—Nothing important.

LIVINGSTON CHAPEL.—Rejoices in a gracious revival. Has a Sabbath School and Bible class. Elder J. B. Lennon is pastor.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | A R. PITMAN, †*T. B. Newberry*, A. M. A. Pitman, | 16 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 24 | 8 | | 238 | $2 00 |
| Antioch, | E. Wishart, S. Crump, †Uriah Pitman, | | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 258 | 4 20 |
| Big Branch, | J. F. Ward, †Jesse Flowers, †J. P. Barnes, | 7 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 16 | | 6 | 267 | 2 75 |
| Back Swamp, | †H. G. Innman, Neill Townsend, L. F. Nance, | 32 | 1 | | 3 | 12 | 3 | 89 | 260 | 4 00 |
| Hog Swamp, | *S. D. Collins*, †D. F. Edmund, †J. H. Collins, | 13 | 4 | | 7 | 1 | | | 92 | 2 65 |
| Lumberton, | S. E. Ward, A. Sosson, G. H. Todd, | 10 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 4 | | 3 | 103 | 4 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | †ISHAM STONE, †J. J. Britt, S. Stone, | | | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 119 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | By Letter, | | | 3 | 3 | | | | 85 | 1 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | " " | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 60 | 1 10 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | †Thos. Allen, S. Allen, Reub. Rosier, | | | | 2 | 5 | 2 | | 66 | 50 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | *Pinckney Rlackman*, Everett Hinson, G. W. Sellers, | | 2 | | 3 | 1 | | | 125 | 3 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cherry Grove, | †Bythel Buffking, Everett Strictling, Asa Strictling, | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 88 | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads, | H. LENNON, *J. R. Burchett*, F. Lennon, | 15 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 28 | 214 | 5 70 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | †S. Gerald, †C. Spivey, E. C. Gerald, | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 78 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | †Richard Noble, Willis Bullard, W. W. Brown, | 16 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 40 | 142 | 2 50 |
| Mount Moriah, | †D. M. Formyduval, †S.H. Pierce, †J. W. Council, | 7 | | | | | 2 | | 17 | 1 50 |
| Mount Sinai, | †J. Powell, Lot C. Mills, H. Hinson, | | 3 | | 4 | | | 13 | 76 | 2 00 |
| Mount Tabor, | †A. S Fowler, †Eli Watts, †J. Norriss, | 15 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 5 | | | 108 | 3 25 |
| Mount Zion, | D. J. RAY, O. Lennon, †G. W. Elkins, | 7 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 93 | 3 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | J. W. GORE, D. N. GORE, T. Thompson, | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | 133 | 3 15 |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. HILL, E. White, †W. J. Hill, | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 49 | 230 | 3 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | Daniel Coleman, C. J. Godwin, †C. L. Powell, | | 1 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 135 | 2 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | †M. Williams, *Jas. Long*, Jas. Stevens, | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 28 | 123 | 2 50 |
| Sandy Plains, | J. W. DICKSON, | 7 | | | 5 | 7 | | | 61 | 1 55 |
| Sweet Home, | A. M. Gore, Jas. Ward, Sr., B. Long, | | | | | | | | 41 | 2 50 |
| Waccamaw, | Not represented. Total, 1868. | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| Western Prong, | L. Jordan, J. C. Powell, G. W. Sellers, | 43 | 7 | 2 | | 1 | | 8 | 108 | 2 60 |
| White Marsh. | B. S. Jones, H. C. Creach, J. M. Highsmith, | 35 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 110 | 3 50 |
| Whiteville, | T. S. Memory, R. M. McRacken, W. A. Memory, | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | 15 | 34 | 1 50 |
| Piny Forest, | A. F. Powell, L. J. Yates, J. Frink, | 31 | 24 | | | | | | 55 | 2 00 |
| Cedar Grove, | Jas. Tyler, J. Edwards, H. Strictling, | 46 | 9 | | 4 | 2 | | 3 | 55 | 2 00 |

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| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. SESSOMS, E. Johnson, †D White, | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 52 | 228 | 4 00 |
| Paradise, | †K. Carroll, †W. Meshew, Charles Grimsley, | 3 | | 2 | 23 | 2 | 1 | | 60 | 1 00 |
| Shady Grove, | S. B. Thompson, R. L. Mason, †N. E. Gooden, | 31 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 102 | 3 00 |
| White Lake, | J. G. Sutton, †J. A. Sutton, †Monroe Peterson, | 4 | | | 2 | 1 | | 4 | 104 | 3 00 |
| White Oak, | W. S. MELVIN, †E. MARTIN, †John Monroe, | 6 | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | | 115 | 2 00 |
| French's Creek, | J. D. ELWELL, C. B. Prigden, †G. W. Barnhill, | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 4 | 3 | | 94 | 1 64 |
| Abbottsburg, | C. D. Russ, †Henderson Cashwell, | 12 | 19 | | 1 | | | | 30 | 1 50 |
| Mount Pleasant, | J. M. REGISTER, †W. J. Register, Wm. Peterson, | | | | | | | | 25 | 1 00 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | A. A. EDWARDS, †J. W. Woodsides, R. W. Woodsides, | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 17 | 1 50 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beulah, | T. Hickman, †J. N. Long, E. Hickman. | 7 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 44 | 2 00 |
| Bethel, | Not represented. | | | | | | | | | 1 50 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | †Sam. Jordan, †Z. E. Murrill, †J. W. Garrison, | | 3 | | 1 | | | | 64 | 1 50 |
| Cheerful Hope, | J. W. Dickson, J. Smith, J. Woolard. | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | | | 61 | 2 25 |
| Livingston Chapel, | J. P. Lennon, †Wm. Huffham, | 31 | 5 | 1 | 8 | | 2 | 2 | 88 | 2 00 |
| Mill Creek, | Represented by Letter. | 10 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 2 | | 73 | 2 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | †Joseph Stanaland, Moses Hewett, Jesse Lancaster, | 4 | 3 | 7 | | 10 | 5 | | 171 | 2 80 |
| New Britain, | †Joel Bennett, †N. Milliken, N. B. Bennett. | 4 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 73 | 2 00 |
| Shallotte, | D. K. Bennett, R. J. Long, †S. J. Stanaland, | 8 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 159 | 5 00 |
| Green Swamp Union, | Not represented. Total in 1869. | | | | | | | | 24 | |
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masonborough. | I. W. King, James Mints, J.J. Hewlett, | 26 | 11 | 2 | | | | 4 | 93 | 3 00 |
| MARION COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | E. Page, E. S. Ayres, †J. N. Page, | 12 | 1 | | 7 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 232 | 3 85 |
| Hays' Swamp, | Not represented. Total in 1869, | | | | | | | | 19 | 1 25 |
| Piny Grove, | E. L. Rogers, †H. Rogers, †W. H Anderson, | 7 | 2 | | 5 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 170 | 3 00 |
| HORRY COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | Not represented. Total in 1869, | | | | | | | | 34 | |
| Bethlehem, | Not represented. Total in 1869, | | | | | | | | 89 | |
| Bug Swamp, | H. H. Holmes, †J. R. Thompson, W. H. Hamilton, | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 54 | 2 00 |

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| Honey Camp, | †J. H. Blanton. †J. H. Harrelson, †J. M. Harrelson, | 5 | 25 | | | 3 | | | 51 | 3 00 |
| Little River, | Not represented. Total unknown, | | | | | | | | | |
| Oak Grove, | E. D. Richardson, †A. S. H. Martin, †J. W. Todd, | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | 56 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Meadow, | †M. R. MARTIN, †J. R. Sarvice, H. M. Anderson, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 118 | 1 25 |
| Salem, | J T Smith, †N M Meshow, D W Hun, | | | | 7 | 1 | | | 65 | |
| Spring Branch, | J. M. McGougan, †Coleman Worley, John Enzor, | 17 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 130 | 3 00 |
| Springfield, | W. Hughes, †R D Best, S P Hickman, | | | | | | 1 | | 59 | 2 50 |
| Piny Grove, | | | | | | | | | | |
| United Churches, | †S. J. Edge, W. T. Todd, J. M. King, | 15 | | 5 | 4 | | 3 | | 87 | 2 00 |
| Buck Creek, | †W. E. Gore, †L C Hardy, †I. Hardy, | 4 | | | | | | | 59 | 2 00 |
| Conwayborough, | R G W Grissett, †J A Mayo, †J Todd, | 35 | 22 | | | | | | 57 | 3 00 |
| | | 608 | 203 | 84 | 235 | 193 | 68 | 502 | 6466 | 146 99 |

NOTE.—Names of ordained Ministers are printed in small capitals. Licentiates in italics. Those absent when the roll was called are marked with a †.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LOCATION.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS & ORDAINED MINISTERS. | LICENTIATES. | PAST SUPPLY. | DAYS OF MEETING. | MINISTER'S POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hays' Swamp, | D. B. Ayres, | | | 1st Sabbath, | Leesville, Robeson County, N. C. |
| New Britain, | Joel Bennett, | | | 1st Sabbath, | Little River, Horry County, S. C. |
| Shallotte, | D. K. Bennett, | Hezekiah Hewett, | | 2d Sabbath, | " " |
| Beulah, | | | D. K. Bennett, | 3d Sabbath, | " " |
| | Daniel Boyd, | | | | Conwayborough, Horry Co., S. C. |
| | Zadock Bullock, | | | | Fair Bluff, Columbus Co., N. C. |
| | James Cashwell, | | | | Abbottsburg, Bladen Co., N. C. |
| | P. C. Connelly, | | | | Shoe Heel, Robeson Co., N. C. |
| Mount Zion, | | | J. W. Dickson, | 1st Sabbath, | Flemington, Columbus Co., N. C. |
| White Marsh, | | | " " | 2d Sabbath, | " " |
| Mount Moriah, | | | " " | 4th Sabbath, | " " |
| Cheerful Hope, | J. W. Dickson, | | | 3d Sabbath, | " " |
| Back Swamp, | J. D. Elwell, | Zachariah Carter, | | " " | French's Creek, Bladen Co., N. C. |

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LOCATION—(CONTINUED.)

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS & ORDAINED MINISTERS. | LICENTIATES. | PAST SUPPLY. | DAYS OF MEETING. | MINISTER'S. POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Macedonia, | J. W. Gore, | Zachariah Carter, | J. W. Dickson, | 1st Sabbath, | Whiteville, Columbus Co., N. C. |
| Pleasant Hill, | D. N. Gore, | ........ | ........ | " " | " " |
| Sweet Home, | ........ | ........ | D. N. Gore, | 2d Sabbath, | " " |
| Pleasant Meadow, | ........ | ........ | " " | 3d Sabbath, | " " |
| Springfield, | ........ | ........ | " " | " " | " " |
| Piney Forest, | ........ | ........ | " " | 4th Sabbath, | " " |
| Iron Hill X Roads | ........ | ........ | John Harrelson, | 2d Sabbath, | " " |
| Mill Creek, | ........ | S. B. Rollins, W. Willets, and T. Rollins, | " " | Unknown, | " " |
| Pleasant Plains, | G. W. Hill, | N. Stevens, | ........ | 2d Sabbath, | " " |
| Porter Swamp, | ........ | ........ | G. W. Hill, | 3d Sabbath, | " " |
| Piny Grove, | ........ | ........ | " " | 4th Sabbath, | " " |
| Big Branch, | ........ | ........ | " " | 1st Sabbath, | " " |
| Whiteville, | ........ | ........ | " " | 2d Sabbath, | " " |
| Cross Roads, | Haynes Lennon, | J. R. Burchett, | ........ | 3d Sabbath, | Peacock's Store, Columbus Co. |
| Mount Eliam, | ........ | ........ | H. Lennon, | 4th Sabbath, | " " |
| Antioch, (Robeson,) | ........ | ........ | " " | 1st Sabbath, | " " |
| Abbottsburg, | ........ | ........ | " " | 2d Sabbath, | " " |
| Mount Pisgah, | ........ | B. G. Sellers, | J. P. Lennon, | 4th Sabbath, | Robeson's P. O. Brunswick, N. C. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Livingston Chapel | J. P. Lennon, | ........ | ........ | 1st Sabbath, | " " |
| | J. R. Thompson, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Conwayborough, Horry Co., S. C. |
| United Churches, | ........ | ........ | H. H. Holmes, | 2d Sabbath, | Conwayboro,' Horry Co., S. C. |
| Oak Grove, | ........ | ........ | " " | 1st Sabbath, | " " |
| Bethlehem, | ........ | ........ | " " | Unknown. | " " |
| Salem, | ........ | ........ | " " | " | " " |
| | R. J. Long, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Little River, " |
| | M. R. Martin, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Conwayboro,' |
| | Norman Martin, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Leesville, Robeson Co., N. C. |
| | Edward Martin, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Elizabethtown, Bladen Co., N. C. |
| | Noah Mercer, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Lumberton, Robeson Co., N. C. |
| | W. S. Melvin, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Elizabethtown, Bladen Co., N. C. |
| | Wm. M. Mints, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Little River, Horry Co., S. C. |
| Gre'n Swa'p Union | N. Milliken, | ........ | ........ | ........ | " " |
| Ashpole, | A. R. Pitman, | T. B. Newberry, | ........ | 1st Sabbath, | Leesville, Robeson Co., N. C. |
| Bear Swamp, | ........ | ........ | A. R. Pitman, | 2d Sabbath, | " " |
| Lumberton, | ........ | ........ | " " | 4th Sabbath, | " " |
| Pleasant Grove, | ........ | S. D. Collins, | " " | 3d Sabbath, | " " |

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LOCATION—(CONTINUED.)

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS & ORD-INED MINISTERS. | LICENTIMTES. | PAST SUPPLY. | DAYS OF MEETING. | MINISTER'S POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Sinai, | ........ | ........ | D. J. Ray, | 4th Sabbath, | Bogue Swamp, Columbus Co., |
| Western Prong, | ........ | ........ | " " | 3d Sabbath, | " " |
| Shady Grove, | ........ | ........ | " " | 1st Sabbath, | " " |
| Masonborough, | ........ | ........ | A. A. Edwards, | 2d Sabbath, | Wilmington, N. C. |
| Bryan's Chapel, | ........ | ........ | " " | Unknown, | " " |
| Paradise, | J. M. Register, | ........ | ........ | 1st Sabbath, | White Hall, Bladen Co., N. C. |
| Mount Pleasant, | ........ | ........ | J. M. Register. | 3d Sabbath, | " " |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | ........ | ........ | R. M. Sessoms, | 1st Sabbath, | Lumberton, Robeson Co. N. C. |
| Cherry Grove, | ........ | ........ | J. Sowles, | 2d Sabbath, | Whitesville, Columbus Co., N. C. |
| Mount Tabor, | ........ | Richard Prince, | " " | 3d Sabbath, | " " |
| Seven Creeks, | ........ | James Long, | " " | 4th Sabbath, | " " |
| | S. P. Suggs, | ........ | ........ | ........ | " " |
| | Jas. H. Tart, | ........ | ........ | ........ | Fair Bluff, " |
| Raft Swamp, | ........ | ........ | J. Stone, | 1st Sabbath, | Lumberton, Robeson Co. N. C. |
| Bethel, | ........ | S. W. Westcott, | ........ | Unknown, | Smithville, Brunswick Co., N. C. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beaver Dam, | .................. | P. Blackman, | ... ... ........ | 3d Sabbath, | Whiteville, Columbus Co., N. C. |
| French's Creek, | ................ | .................. | J. M. Register, | 4th Sabbath, | White Hall, Bladen Co., N. C. |

Remarks.—The Committee are aware that the above table is not correct in every particular, but they have done the best they could with the facts and information in possession.

## BLANK FORM FOR MAKING RETURNS.

For the purpose of promoting uniformity in the annual statistical reports of the churches, this blank form of a church letter was adopted by the Asssociation and its use recommended to the churches :

.................... Baptist Church,

*To the Cape Fear Baptist Association*—Greeting :

Dear Brethren : We send as our delegates, brethren ...........................Contributions.... ..............Statistics..........Baptized..........Received by letter......Restored......Dismissed ..... Experience......Excluded......Died......Males......Females......Colored........Total...... Pastor......Post office......Clerks..... Remarks......Done by order of Conference......18......

*Moderator.*

*Clerk.*

Elder G. W. HILL,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD, DR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1870. | | | |
| Jan. 29 | To Am't remaining in Treasurer's hands last year, | $ 30 | 23 |
| Oct. 24. | To Am't collected at Union Meeting at Beaver Dam, | 7 | 65 |
| " " | To Am't acknowledged by Elder J. D. Elwell, | 530 | 20 |
| " " | To Am't acknowledged by Elder J. P. Lennon, | 173 | 64 |
| " " | To Am't acknowledged by Elder D. K. Bennett, | 25 | 00 |
| " " | To Am't accounted for by Elder H. Lennon, | 42 | 00 |
| " " | To Am't accounted for by Treasurer from Piney Grove, | 7 | 00 |
| " " | To cash paid over by Com. of Finance, | 366 | 60 |
| " " | " " per E. S. Ayres on subscription, | 10 | 00 |
| " " | " " per Lennon Jordan bal. sub. | | 50 |
| " " | " " per J. F. Ward, sub. Big Branch, | | 50 |
| Nov. 7. | To Am't of subscription Raft Swamp, per Elder H. Lennon, | 6 | 60 |
| | To Sabbath collection, | 64 | 26 |
| | | $1264 | 18 |
| | | Cr. | |
| Oct. 24. | By Am't paid Elder J. D. Elwell, | 780 | 20 |
| | " " " J. P. Lennon, | 350 | 00 |
| | " " " D. K. Bennett, | 40 | 00 |
| | " " " J. W. Gore, | 40 | 00 |
| | By Am't of Sabbath collection for Foreign Missions, | 1 | 75 |
| | | $1211 | 95 |
| | Balance in Treasurer's hands, | $52 | 23 |

Approved:

HAYNES LENNON,
J. W. ELLIS,
T. S. MEMORY,
} Aud. Com.

The following statement will show the liabilities of the Board for the fiscal year ending October 24th, 1870 :

DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1870. | | | |
| Oct. 24, | To Bal. due Elder J. W. Gore for Missionary services for the year 1869, | $18 | 50 |
| " " | Services for Elder G. W. Hill for same, | 69 | 00 |
| " " | " " D. B. Ayers, " | 7 | 50 |
| " " | " " J. P. Lennon, " | 152 | 50 |
| " " | To Bal. due Elder J. P. Lennon, for 1870, | 130 | 00 |
| " " | " " Elder J. D. Elwell " | 228 | 00 |
| " " | " " Elder D. K. Bennett, " | 14 | 00 |
| | Am't due the Board, | $609 | 50 |
| | To meet this there is<br>Balance in Treasurer's hands, | 52 | 23 |
| | Am't of unpaid pledges secured at the Association on Monday, if collected, amounting to, | 365 | 00 |
| | | $417 | 23 |
| | Leaving a balance of | 192 | 27 |
| | There is something due on last year's subscriptions, but what amount can be collected is uncertain. | | |

Elder G. W. HILL,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1870. | | | |
| | To Bal. in Treasurer's hands, | 15 | 80 |
| Oct. 24, | To Am't pd over by Com. of Finance, | 142 | 45 |
| " " | To Bal. Ass. Fund from Mt. Zion, per O. Lennon, | | 50 |
| Nov. 7, | To Bal. Ass. Fund from Raft Swamp, per H. Lennon, | 1 | 10 |
| " 29, | To Am't from Hays' Swamp, per D. B Ayres, | 1 | 25 |
| | | $161 | 10 |
| | By Am't allowed Clerk for services, | 35 | 00 |
| | Balance in hand, | 126 | 10 |

Approved :

HAYNES LENNON,
J. W. ELLIS,
T. S. MEMORY,
} Aud. Com'tee.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

PORTER SWAMP CHURCH, COLUMBUS CO., N. C.,

OCTOBER 20-23, 1871.

LUMBERTON, N. C.:
PRINTED AT THE ROBESONIAN OFFICE,
1872.

# PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1871.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Dickson, the regular appointee, after opening the services with hymn, "Blest are the sons of peace." Prayer. Reads the 4th Chapter 1st John. Hymn, "Do not I love thee, O, my Lord." Text: 1st John, 4th Chapter and 20th verse. At the close Elder G. W. Hill leads in prayer. An intermission of 20 minutes is given.

Delegates assemble in the house, Elder H. Lennon reads the 17th Chapter St. John. Hymn, "With sacred joy we lift our eyes." Prayer by Elder D. K. Bennett.

Clerk calls the list of the churches.

Appointed brethren J. C. Powell, T. S. Memory and J. F. Ward, Committee of Finance.

Elders A. R. Pitman and D. K. Bennett were requested to act as Assistant Clerks.

Church letters called for. Ordered that the names of delegates and statistics only be read, and that the Clerks prepare an abstract of their contents and report on tomorrow.

The names of delegates enrolled and funds paid in.

During the proceedings the stand is occupied by Elders J. M. Register and D. J. Ray.

Elder H. Lennon is re-elected Moderator and Elder G. W. Hill, Clerk and Treasurer.

Letters from corresponding bodies called for. Elder W. S. McDiarmid, from the Pee Dee, brother J. S. Devane, from the Eastern, and James Watson, from the Welsh Neck Association respond and are invited to seats.

The following Committees are appointed:

*To examine Applicants for Ordination.*—Elders A. R. Pittman, G. W. Hill, D. K. Bennett, W. S. McDiarmid and J. C. Hiden,

*On Religious exercises.*—T. S. Memory, A. F. Powell, J. F. Ward, T. F. Toon and Daniel Coleman.

*On Vigilance.*—John Frink, C. J. Godwin, E. D. Mears, J. S. Barden and Asa Strictling.

*To Select Corresponding Messengers.*—Eli Wishart, J. W. Gore and Giles Williams.

Petitions were presented from the following newly constituted churches for admission, viz: Spring Hill, Robeson County, N. C.; Cedar Creek, Mount Olive and Socastee, Horry County, S. C., which, after examinination into their orthodoxy, were unanimously received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder E. D. Johnson.

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SATURDAY, October 27, 1871.

The Clerk calls the list of the churches.

The Moderator reads the 27th Psalm. Hymn, "Ye that obey the immortal King." Prayer by Elder W. S. McDiarmid.

Corresponding Messengers are invited. Elders E. D. Johnson, E. Davis and W. S. Melvin from the Cedar Creek; Elders R. McDaniel and W. D. Martin from the Welsh Neck, and Elder J. C. Hiden from Eastern Association, representing the interests of the *Recorder*, were invited to seats.

The minutes were read and approved, and the list of the delegates called and corrected.

Appointed committees on the following subjects:

*On Periodicals.*—Elder McDiarmid and Brethren J. S. Thompson and Neil Townsend.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—J. W. Ellis, J. C. Carroll and Elder D. J. Ray.

*On Baptist State Convention.*—Elders J. D. Hufham, J. W. Dickson and J. W. Gore.

*On List of Ministers and Post Offices.*—J. W. Dickson, A. H. Powell and E. W. Wooten.

*On Wake Forest College.*—Elders D. K. Bennett, J. C. Hiden and J. W. Dickson.

The abstract of the church letters is read, approved and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Western Prong Church, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1872; service at 10 1-2 o'clock; Elder A. R. Pittman to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder D. K. Bennett, Alternate; Elder J. D. Elwell to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath, and Elder Haynes Lennon, Alternate.

The following report on the Baptist State Convention is read:

## REPORT ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Our Convention aims to unite the Baptists of the State in three great enterprises:

### STATE MISSIONS.

During the present year, they have had ten missionaries under appointment. The number should be greatly increased. There is a vast field for missionary labor within the limits of our State. The work can be accomplished best and surest by uniting the Baptists of the whole State in prosecuting it.

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To place the advantages of education within the reach of our poor young ministers, has long been a cherished purpose with the Baptists of the State. Wake Forest College had its origin in this purpose. There are now about a dozen young men at that Institution, sustained by the liberality of the churches. This enterprise commends itself to the hearty, prayerful support of the churches.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Lord is greatly blessing the labors of our brethren in foreign lands. In Asia, Africa and Europe, our misssions are wonderfully progressive. It is sad to reflect, that the spirit of our churches is not up to the demands of the work. Increased liberality is needed to save our Foreign Mission work from serious embarrassment.

J. D. HUFHAM.

After remarks by Elders Hiden and Hufham, a collection was taken up in behalf of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, amounting to $44, and a number of boxes of provisions were also pledged.

The Report was adopted.

The Association adjourned to partake of refreshments, and give place for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

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## Afternoon Session.

The Association is called to order.

The committee to examine candidates for the ministry made the following report, which was adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee on Ordination have had brethren T. B. Newbeury and Zachariah Carter before them. We are pleased with their examination, and inasmuch as brother Newbeury has an inviting field, of pastoral labor before him we recommend his ordination; but as brother Carter has not, we recommend his close application to study, and labor in his present capacity, until circumstances shall render his ordination necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. PITTMAN,
G. W. HILL,
W. S. McDIARMID,
D. K. BENNETT.
} Com.

Leave of absence is granted to several brethren.

Adjourned till 9 1-2 o'clock Monday morning.

In the close, special prayer is offered in behalf of Elders Z. Bullock, J. D. Elwell and J. P. Lennon, who are suffering from protracted sickness, Elder J. D. Hufham leading.

SABBATH, October 22, 1871.

The weather is remarkably pleasant, and the congregation large.

Elder R. McDaniel opens the services with hymn, "Say, sinner, hath a voice within." Prayer. Hymn, "Amazing sight the Saviour stands." Text, "Behold I stand at the door and knock," &c., Rev. 3d Chap., 2d verse. Sermon inviting and awakening. At the close Elder H. Lennon follows with Hymn, "O, Lord our God, arise." Text, "Then they that feared the Lord, spake often one to another," &c., Malachi 3d Chapter, 16–18 verses.

At the conclusion a collection is taken up amounting to $70. Benediction, and congregation disperse for dinner.

Congregation re-assemble. Singing. Elder W. S. McDiarmid reads select passages from the 6th and 7th chapters of Genesis, announces the text, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Luke, 17th Chap., 26th verse. The sermon is listened to with much interest, and the services for the day closed pleasantly.

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MONDAY, October 23, 1871.

The list of the churches is called. Brother T. B. Newbeury leads in prayer.

Minutes read and approved. Order of the day announced.

Report on Sabbath Schools is read.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee respectfully report that too much attention cannot be given to the encouraging of Sabbath Schools. In point of importance, they are second only to the church itself, and as such, your Committee would recommend the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1st, That it is the earnest desire of this Association, that every church of this body should have a well conducted Sabbath School, and give its fostering care to the promotion of the same.

*Resolved*, 2nd, That the pastor of every church of this Association, be requested to address his congregations at least once during the year, upon the benefits and blessings arising from well-conducted Sabbath Schools, and read before them the reports submitted to this body for the last five years upon this subject.

*Resolved*, 3rd, That the missionaries in the service of the Domestic Missionary Board be requested to pay special attention to the encouragement, organization, and establishment of Sabbath Schools throughout the bounds of this Association.

*Resolved*, 4th, That churches in this Association be requested to hold, during the Spring months of the coming year, one or more meetings, devoted exclusively to the consideration of the importance of Sabbath Schools.

*Resolved*, 5th, That every Sabbath School in this Association be requested to appoint and send two delegates to a Sabbath School Convention, to be held at Pleasant Plains Church, on Tuesday after the third Sabbath in September, and as many other days as the business of said Convention may require.

*Resolved*, 6th, That said Convention, when assembled, be required to establish a permanent Sabbath School Convention with annual meetings, and that such Convention be requested to report their proceedings and statistics, annually, to this Association.

*Resolved*, 7th, That any Sabbath School organization now in existence in this Association, be also requested to send delegates.

The subject was discussed at some length by J. W. Ellis, D. B. Ayres, W. S. McDiarmid and T. B. Newbeury, and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO SELECT CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Your Committee to select Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, beg leave to report as follows :

To the Eastern—. Elders D. J. Ray, J. B. Barlow, and brethren J. G. Sutton, Monroe Peterson and J. L. Hewlet.

Cedar Creek.—Elders, J. W. Gore, R. M. Sessoms, and brethren, Eli Wishart, J. A. Rosier and J. L. Nance.

Pee dee.—Elders, D. N. Gore, D. B. Ayres, and brethren, Neill Townsend, J. S. Thompson and L. W. Thompson.

Welsh Neck.—Elders, A. R. Pittman, J. H. Tart, and brethren, J. F. Grantham, E. B. Ford and E. S. Ayres.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The Clerk was ordered to write the letters of correspondence.

The Report on ministers' names and post-offices was read, corrected, and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

The committee presented the following

## REPORT ON WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

DEAR BRETHREN :—In order that we may successfully contend with the errors of our day and generation, and for the faith delivered to the saints, it is necessary that we should have an educated ministry, which we can and will have. by giving that support which is justly due the Wake Forest College.

The means are in our midst, and at our command, necessary to enable Wake Forest to compete with other Institutions of the highest grade in this or adjacent States, and furnish an educated ministry, for our own, as well as the surrounding States.

Then let us, as we value our own home Institution, the efficiency of our ministry, and the cause of Christ, at once bring in requisition the means at our command, which now lie dormant and inactive, the consequence of which inactivity is, that the minions of the man of sin, wearing his mark, and performing his work, are stalking about in high places. Then let the support and carrying on to perfection of Wake Forest College be with each a daily object, that the heaven-descended cause of education in both ministry and laity may honor God and bless mankind, by driving back the dark clouds of ignorance, error, and superstition—giving place to the glorious effulgence of the sun of righteousness, which shall bless our land and country with reason, religion and right.

Respectfully submitted,
D. K. BENNETT, Chairman.

The Committee of Finance report $175 65, sent up by the churches for minute fund.

Ordered, that three thousand copies of the minutes be printed and distributed, in ratio to the amounts sent up by the churches for the minute fund.

Ordered, that the Sabbath collection be paid over to the Board of Domestic Missions.

Ordered, that the Clerk be allowed thirty dollars for transcribing and superintending the distribution of the minutes, and five dollars for postage, freight and other incidental expenses.

The Committee appointed at last session to visit the Salem Church, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT SALEM CHURCH.

Your Committee would most respectfully state that we waited on the Salem Church, on December 13th and 14th, 1871, and after a careful investigation of four different charges preferred against Elder William M. Mints, we found him guilty on the first charge of christion indiscretion, after allowing him the full benefit of his own explanation as to his purposes and intentions. The second and third counts were of a trivial and private nature, and dismissed. The fourth count affecting his general christian character, was so far confirmed that the council directed the Chairman Dr. J. D. Elwell to administer a heavy reprimand, which was done in the presence of the whole church. We feel that it is our duty to say that the said Wm. M. Mints did, on the Sunday after receiving said reprimand, openly in the presence of three of said Council of Investigation, treat the special conditions of said reprimand with contempt.

In conclusion we will further state, said church at Salem at a very recent date, prepared charges against said Wm. M. Mints which were duly investigated and he was deposed from the Gospel Minisitry, and expelled from the fellowship of said church at Salem, Horry County, South Carolina.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. LENNON,
A. R. PITTMAN,
J. W. DICKSON,
J. W. GORE,
(Not present but concurring,) G. W. HILL.

The Report was received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: D. K. Bennett, F. Lennon, A. H. Powell, J. M. McGoogan, G. W. Hill, T. S. Memory, D. J. Ray, R. M. Sessoms, E. S. Ayres, D. N. Gore, J. W. Gore, A. R. Pittman; J. M. Register, J. Sowles, J. H. Tart, R. W. Woodsides, A. F. Powell, Solomon Crump, T. B. Newbeury, C. D. Russ, T. W. Ayres, T. F. Toon, D. B. Ayers, J. C. Carroll, P. C. Connelly and Eli Wishart.

J. W. Dickson, G. W. Hill, J. W. Ellis and D. K. Bennett, were recommended for life members to Baptist State Convention.

Ordered, that all funds sent up for Foreign Missions, not otherwise directed, be paid over to the Yates Mission.

Amounts paid in by churches and individuals as follows:

### FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hickory Grove Church, | $5 00 | Thos. Thompson, | $1 00 |
| G. W. Hill, | 1 00 | J. Sowles, | 1 00 |
| C. C. Gore, | 1 00 | J. W. Dickson, | 1 00 |
| Jno. Williams, | 1 00 | J. B. Barlow, | 1 00 |
| J. M. M. Gore, | 50 | C. D. Russ, | 1 00 |
| M. G. Sasser, | 50 | J. I. Williamson, | 1 00 |
| J. C. Powell, | 1 00 | A. M. Baldwin, | 50 |
| B. A. Thompson, | 1 00 | John Walton, | 50 |
| R. L. Mason, | 1 00 | Dan. Leonard | 1 00 |
| J. H. Thompson, | 50 | J. L. Nance, | 1 00 |
| Sister Wilson, | 50 | B. Leggett, | 50 |
| W. S. McDiarmid, | 1 00 | R. W. Woodsides, | 1 00 |
| Sam. Stone, | 1 00 | Porter Swamp S. S., | 1 25 |
| H. Lennon, | 5 00 | I. Q. Coleman, | 50 |
| A. R. Pittman, | 1 00 | T. W, Ayers, | 1 00 |
| J. W. Gore, | 25 | Mrs. M. E. Pittman, | 1 00 |
| E. D. Mears, | 1 00 | Piny Forest S. S., | 2 00 |
| T. S. Memory, | 1 00 | Pleasant Hill S. S., | 1 00 |
| E. Wishart, | 50 | S. B. Jennings, | 1 00 |
| Z. Carter, | 1 00 | E. H. Todd. | 1 00 |
| J. H. Tart, | 1 00 | A. F. Powell, | 5 00 |
| J. A. Mayo, | 1 00 | N. B. McLamb, | 25 |
| W. H. Todd, | 50 | Mrs. Ona Freeman, | 25 |
| R. J. Long, | 1 00 | Mrs. J. M. McGoogan, | 25 |
| T. F. Toon, | 1 00 | Friend, | 25 |
| J. W. Powell, | 1 00 | Friend, | 25 |
| Giles Williams, | 1 00 | Jas. Noble, (col.) | |
| J. W. Harrelson, | 50 | Mrs. S. B. Jennings, | |
| D. J. Ray, | 1 00 | L. C. Powell, | |
| M. Powell, | 1 00 | J. C. Powell, | |
| A. L. Dew, | 1 00 | D. Coleman, | |
| J. M. Register, | 1 00 | W. Lennon, | |
| H. M. Baldwin, | 50 | A. H. Lennon, | 50 |
| M. Powell, | 1 00 | M. D. Bullard, | 25 |
| L. J, Yates, | 1 00 | J. B. Frink, | 10 |
| J. P Edmund, | 1 00 | | |
| D. F. Williamson, | 1 00 | | $69 10 |
| D. B. Ayers, | 50 | | |

Appointed brethren J. W. Ellis and T. S. Memory to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

For the purpose of producing uniformity in worship, it was suggested that the Association recommend a hymn book to the churches, after some discussion the matter was recommended to the Baptist State Convention.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented by Elder H. Lennon:

To prevent confusion in the organization of Churches, and for the establishment of Mission Stations in the bounds of the Cape Fear Baptist Association:

*Resolved*, That this Association appoint two or more Church Extension Committees in each county within our bounds, whose prime business shall be to aid in locating houses for divine service, the establishment of mission stations to the greatest possible convenience of committees, and for the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom in general in our midst.

*In Robeson and Marion Counties.*—1st Committee. J. A. Rosier, E. Wishart and B. Godwin. 2d Com. A. R. Pittman, Robt. Inman, T. W. Ayres and R. H. Rogers.

*In Bladen County.*—1st Committee. E. Johnson, Jas. Cashwell and R. M. Sessoms. 2nd Com. J. M. Register, C. Grimsley and K. Carroll. 3d Com. J. G. Sutton, Daniel Leonard and C. B. Pridgin.

*In Columbus County*—1st Com. F. Lennon, W. W. Brown, A. F. Powell and T. S. Memory. 2nd. J. W. Dickson, T. M. Smith, A. Lennon and O. H. Powell. 3d. A. Inman, J. Sowles and A. M. Gore. 4th. J. C. Carroll, Dr. J. M. McGoogan and Bethel Buffking.

*In Brunswick County.*—1st Com. R. P. Lennon, S. R. Chinnis and Jordan Woolard. 2d. J. L. Wescott, R. W. Woodside and I. W. Harrelson. 3d. Moses Hewett, Sam'l Frink and D. B. McKeithan.

*In Horry County.*—1st Com. Levi Grainger, Alva Enzor and George Stroud. 2d. H. M. Anderson, J. R. Thompson and J. H. Jollie. 3d. Wm. Hardee, Etheldred Richardson and R. G. W. Grissette. 4th. W. L. Duboise, T. M. Owen and J. P. Edge.

Ordered, that the Committee of Finance pay over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay $140 to W. S. McDiarmid, for the printing of the minutes of the present year.

The Clerk was ordered to collect and have bound in a volume, a copy of each year's minutes from the year 1847 to the present.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Association be extended to the brethren of Porter Swamp Church, and citizens in the vicinity for their hospitality to the delegates and visitors attending this meeting.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this body be extended to the officers of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, for their courtesy in passing delegates and visitors at half fares.

All unfinished business is referred to the Executive Committee consisting of Elders H. Lennon, G. W. Hill, and brethren J. W. Ellis, T. S. Memory and E. W. Wooton.

The brethren then joined in singing, "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and the Association adjourned to the time and place appointed.

HAYNES LENNON, Mod'r.

G. W. Hill, Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

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SATURDAY, Oct. 21st, 1871.

The meeting was called to order by Elder H. Lennon. Appointed brethren, A. H. Powell, S. B. Jennings and E. W. Wooton, Committee of Finance.

The following brethren were made life members of the Board, viz :

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| T. B. Newbeury, | from | Ashpole | Church. |
| J. L. Nance, | " | Back Swamp | " |
| D. J. Ray, | " | Mt. Zion | " |
| J. I. Williamson, | " | Whiteville | " |
| Samuel Stone, | " | Mt. Eliam | " |
| Wm. A. Stone, | " | " | " |
| R. L. Mason, | " | Shady Grove | " |
| J. M. Register, | " | Mt. Pleasant | " |
| John Smith, | " | Cheerful Hope | " |
| Daniel R. Wells, | " | Livingst'n Chap | " |
| E. S. Ayres, | " | Bear Swamp | " |
| R. H. Rogers, | " | Piny Grove | " |
| J. M. McGoogan, | " | Spring Branch | " |
| W. E. Gore, | " | Buck Creek | " |

OLD MEMBERS :—Orran Lennon, J. G. Sutton, J. A. Sutton, D. H. Marshburn, P. Monroe, Joseph Stanaland, Caswell Porter, J. W. King, J. F. Grantham, Coleman Worley, James Cashwell, Neill Townsend, T. S. Memory, L. F. Nance, J. D. Clarke, Orran Monroe, Levi Granger, F. Lennon, J. L. Inman, Berry Godwin, H. Lennon, R. M. McRackan, J. P. Lennon, W. H. Hamilton, R. J. Long, Moses Hewett, D. N. Gore, J. W. Gore, J. F. Ward, A. M. Gore, R. P. Lennon, G. W. Hill and A. R. Pittman.

The list of churches was then called, and the following amounts were paid in by churches and individuals, respectively, or acknowledged by the missionaries, as follows :

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|---|---|
| Big Branch, | $19 85 |
| Ashpole, | 60 00 |
| Antioch, (Robeson C'ty) | 16 45 |
| Back Swamp, | 37 25 |
| Hog Swamp, | 15 00 |
| Lumberton, | 22 35 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 9 25 |
| Raft Swamp, | 6 85 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | 8 85 |
| Beaver Dam, | 5 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | 10 00 |
| Cross Roads, | 76 30 |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads, | 14 75 |
| Macedonia, | 4 75 |
| Mount Moriah, | 5 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | 7 50 |
| Mount Tabor, | 3 00 |
| Mount Zion, | 30 65 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 23 00 |
| Pleasant Plain, | 41 20 |
| Porter Swamp, | 28 00 |
| Seven Creeks, | 15 25 |
| Sandy Plains, | 5 75 |
| Sweet Home, | 5 00 |
| Western Prong, | 10 90 |
| White Marsh, | 15 85 |
| Whiteville, | 44 40 |
| Piney Forest, | 53 20 |
| Cedar Grove, | 7 00 |
| Hickory Grove, | 6 00 |
| Shady Grove, | 30 00 |
| White Lake, | 81 20 |
| Frenche's Creek, | 5 78 |
| Abbottsburg, | 21 25 |
| Mount Pleasaat, | 30 25 |
| Antioch, (Bunswick C'ty) | 10 00 |
| Beulah, | 10 25 |
| Bethel, | 9 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | 6 25 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 32 20 |
| Livingston Chapel, | 43 95 |
| Mill Creek, | 16 00 |
| New Britain, | 9 00 |
| Shallotte, | 18 50 |
| Green Swamp Union, | 5 00 |
| Masonborough, | 5 00 |
| Bear Swamp, | 39 60 |
| Hay's Swamp, | 6 75 |
| Piney Grove, | 30 15 |
| Antioch. (Horry County) | 3 00 |
| Bethlehem, | 5 00 |
| Bug Swamp, | 15 00 |
| Honey Camp, | 5 00 |
| Little River, per Capt. Davis, | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Meadow, | 14 20 |
| Salem, | 11 00 |
| Spring Branch, | 30 00 |
| Spring Field, | 7 75 |
| United Churches, | 22 30 |
| Buck Creek, | 37 75 |
| Conwayborough, | 42 00 |
| J. W. Dickson, | 25 00 |
| G. W. Hill, | 25 00 |
| R. J. Long, | 5 00 |
| R. M. Sessoms, | 5 00 |
| J. F. Ward, | 5 00 |
| Socastee Church, | 15 30 |
| Mount Olive " | 5 00 |
| Polly Swamp Mission, | 17 00 |
| Spring Hill Church, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Eliza Robeson, | 5 00 |
| J. G. Sutton, | 5 00 |
| J. J. Edwards, per G. W. Hill, | 15 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | 66 00 |
| J. H. Gore, | 5 00 |
| Sabbath Collection, | 70 00 |
| Collections on Old Subscriptions, and other Sources, | 69 22 |
| | $1,555 00 |

The Board proceeded to organize by electing Elder A. R. Pittman, Chairman, Elder D. B. Ayres, Secretary, and brother Eli Wishart, Treasurer.

Reports of Missionaries were called for and read.

## REPORT OF ELDER H. LENNON.

I commenced services in the last of November 1870, and have been employed one hundred and eighty-nine days, preached two hundred and eight sermons, held family prayer two hundred and one times, baptized one hundred and twenty persons, and rode two thousand miles. On surveying the general condition of the churches, I found it necessary first, to inculcate unity of faith and practice, and secondly, an earnest contending for the faith in order to success in the gospel of Christ. There was not so much inveterate opposition to Missions, as many have supposed, but a general indifference with many churches, growing more from misdirected efforts of professed friends, and the prejudices of wavering and ungodly professors than from all other causes, except inherent depravity. The efforts of this and last year have done much towards the removal of those impediments that hitherto discouraged our most ardent friends. It can in truth be said that, "The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few, pray ye the Lord to send forth laborers into the field." The accounts from the churches indicate a decided improvement in our spiritual progress, the unprecedented representation of churches at this session, and revivals of religion in our midst give abundant evidence of God's approbation of His cause in our midst.

In conclusion, allow me to say, that I shall ever hold in grateful remembrance the kindness of brethren, friends, and their families to their unworthy servant.

HAYNES LENNON.

## REPORT OF ELDER D. K. BENNETT.

Dear Brethren:—I commenced the work assigned me by your Executive Committee, in the month of February 1871, have labored for the Board, eighty-four days, preached ninety-five sermons, delivered six Sabbath School lectures, baptized eleven persons, received about twenty on experience I did not baptize, and restored a number to the fellowship of the church. I also constituted a church at Socastee, and assisted in the organization of several Sabbath Schools. I have constantly labored for the dissemination of Baptist literature, by representing the merits of our own publications, and influencing persons to order directly from our own publishers. I have received from churches and individuals the sum of ninety six dollars and fifty cents. I feel confident that our principles are gaining ground in my field of labor, the missionary spirit seems to be destined to drive out all opposition at no distant day. I feel encouraged from the large congregations I have met at my appointments, and thank the brethren and friends for their kindness and love manifested in my reception, and thank the Executive Committee for the confidence reposed in me, and above all, I thank God for his blessing on my feeble efforts to advance His cause and Kingdom in the world and pray that he would send "more laborers."

Respectfully submitted,

D. K. BENNETT.

## REPORT OF ELDER J. P. LENNON.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I entered the field of labor assigned by the Executive Committee soon after my appointment. I have traveled one hundred and twenty-four days, preached one hundred and twenty-four sermons, baptized seventy-five persons and left others awaiting the ordinance. I have received from churches and individuals $202.20. The latter portion of my time has been spent in protracted meetings, and there seems to be as much interest manifested as I have seen at any time since I have been acting as your Missionary. Dear Brethren accept my humble thanks for your confidence reposed in me, and my grateful acknowledgments to the Author of all good for His mercies. I am at this time lying under the afflicting hand of our Heavenly Father. I humbly ask an interest in your prayers.

The items in the amount acknowledged, are given below:

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|---|---|
| Mount Pisgah Church, | $75 00 |
| Moses Hewett, | 25 00 |
| R. W. Woodsides, | 5 00 |
| J. Woolard, | 10 00 |
| J. Smith, | 10 00 |
| J. Edwards, | 15 00 |
| Livingston Chapel Church, | 43 95 |
| Mount Zion, | 14 25 |
| B. A. Byrd, | 4 00 |
| | $202 20 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. LENNON.

## REPORT OF ELDER R. J. LONG.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Shortly after my appointment by the Executive Committee, I began to visit the church and stations assigned me. I labored 13 days, preached 19 sermons, baptized 14 persons, and received 4 on christian experience I did not baptize. I have received $5.00 from Green Swamp Union; $8.25 from Friendship Station ; $14.10 from Sandy Bays Station, and $3.00 on the Shallotte subscription, making $30.35 in all.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. LONG.

Elder J. D. Elwell being sick and unable to attend the meeting of the Board, reported through Elder G. W. Hill, that he had traveled 228 days during the year, and preached 254 sermons and that the amount received by him would be found on his books.

Elders A. R. Pittman, D. B. Ayres and brethren H. T. Pope, Berry Godwin and Eli Wishart, were appointed on the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

The Board adjourned till Monday morning.

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MONDAY, October 25th, 1871.

Board met according to appointment, Elder A. R. Pittman, in the Chair. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Your Committee report the amount of five hundred eighty-nine dollars and seventy cents ($589.70) in hand, sent up by the churches and paid by individuals including an order of J. W. Gore for two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50), sent up to the Board,

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. W. WOOTON,
O. H. POWELL,
S. B. JENNINGS.

The Committee of Finance was ordered to pay over the funds in hand to the Treasurer.

Elder J. W. Dickson submitted the following plan for conducting the operations of the Domestic Mission Board, for the ensuing year, which after some discussion was adopted. In order to work with geater efficiency and to secure ultimate success, in our Missionary operations, we believe that a change in our plans for the ensuing year is necessary. The following arrangement is therefore respectfully submitted :

1st. That a general Superintendent be appointed, who shall take an oversight of the missionary operations in the bounds of the Association, and endeavor to visit each church and station, twice, at least, during the year, and see that they are supplied with preaching.

2nd. He shall engage the services of as many local ministers, approved by the respective churches or stations as may be necessary to supply the destitution. He shall engage the services of those most convenient, if acceptable, who shall supply them with Sabbath preaching, if such can be obtained. The Executive Committee concuring with him in the appointment of Missionaries, under the Constitution of the Board.

Such churches as are able, but refuse to sustain missions, under a motion of the Executive Committee, shall be referred to the next annual meeting of the Board, and further labors suspended for the Associational Year. But no feeble church shall for the want of means or ability to sustain a minister be neglected by the Board, unless there is a general suspension for the time being for the want of funds.

It was agreed that the pay to be allowed to the General Superintendents and Ministers, performing missionary service be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer was ordered to settle with the missionaries according to the amount of funds in hand, and amounts acknowledged by them respectively.

It was unanimously agreed that Elder H. Lennon, be appointed General Superintendent.

The Board adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting of the Association.

D. B. AYERS, Sec. A. R. PITTMAN, Chairman.

## A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE ASSOCIATION, AS INDICATED IN THE CHURCH LETTERS.

**Ashpole**—Letter says: "we are all in peace, and striving together for the advancement of the cause of Christ, have a Sabbath School and Bible Class, and Youth's Prayer Meeting. Time of regular meeting 1st and 3d Sabbaths. Prayer meeting, semi-monthly." Elder A. R. Pittman, Pastor.

**Antioch**—Expresses prosperity. Has enjoyed a nine days meeting in which thirty-five were added to the Church, Sabbath School and Bible Class, congregation large and attentive. Meetings 1st Sabbath in each month. Elder H. Lennon, Pastor.

**Big Branch**—Letter says. "We feel that the Lord has revived his work among us. Our hearts have been made to rejoice in seeing our backsliding brethren reclaimed and sinners crying for mercy. Meeting 1st Sabbath in each month. Pastor, J. W. Gore."

**Back Swamp**—"Peace and harmony abound among us. We have a flourishing Sabbath School and Bible class. Pastor, D. B. Ayers."

**Hog Swamp**—Appears to be in a prosperous condition. Elder S. D. Collins, pastor. Time of meetings 2d Sabbath. Prayer meeting 1st Sabbath.

**Lumberton**—Expresses peace and harmony, coldness apparent but hopeful for the future. Elder A. R Pittman, pastor, time of meeting 4th Sabbath in each month. Reports a Sabbath School.

**Mount Eliam**—Is under the pastoral care of Elder H. Lennon. Has enjoyed a revival meeting of four days, in which 26 were added by baptism and 13 restored.

**Pleasant Grove**—Complains of coldness although the gospel is earnestly and faithfully preached to them. Has had a good Sabbath

School and Bible Class, but seems to be on the decline. Elder A. R. Pittman pastoral supply the past year. Meeting, 1st Sabbath.

Raft Swamp—Has nothing special to communicate. Elder Isham Stone, pastor. Meeting, 1st Sabbath. Reports no Sabbath School.

Spring Hill—Is a newly constituted church. Elder A. R. Pittman, pastor. Time of meeting not known.

Zion's Tabernacle—Appears to be emerging from a cold wintry season with brighter prospects. Has had a nine days meeting which ended in great blessing to the church. They seem to have been under the pastoral care of Elder W. S. Melvin, the past year. Time of meeting, 4th Sabbath.

Beaver Dam—Is in peace and harmony, and has enjoyed a glorious refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Pastor, Elder John Harrelson. Reports a Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 3d Sabbath.

Cedar Grove—Seems to be in a state of prosperity. Has enjoyed a very pleasant meeting resulting in the addition of several to the church. Reports a Sabbath School. Joshua Sowle, pastor. Time of meeting, 1st Sabbath.

Cherry Grove—Has large and attentive congregations. Elder D. N. Gore, pastor. Time of meeting, 2d Sabbath. No Sabbath School reported.

Cross Roads—Is in a prosperous condition. Has enjoyed a glorious revival. A Bible class and Sabbath School, and a regular prayer meeting. Elder H. Lennon, pastor. Time of meeting, 3d Sabbath.

Iron Hill ⋈ Roads—Seems to be in a prosperous state. Has enjoyed a cheering revival under the pastoral care of Elder D. N. Gore. Reports no Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 3d Sabbath.

Macedonia—Has had some additions by baptism. Elder J. W. Gore, pastor. Reports a Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 2d Sabbath.

Mount Moriah—Complains of coldness. Elder J. W. Dickson, pastor. Reports no Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 4th Sabbath in each month.

Mount Sinai—Has nothing special to communicate. Elder S. P. Suggs, pastor. No Sabbath School. Time of meeting 4th Sabbath in each month.

Mount Tabor—Has experienced a glorious revival, and is rejoicing in what the Lord has done for them. They have been under the pastoral care of Elder S. P. Suggs the past year, and have engaged the services of Elder J. Sowle the ensuing. Reports a Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 2d Sabbath.

MOUNT ZION—Has enjoyed a ten days meeting in which she has been much revived, and a considerable number joined the church. Elder J. W. Dickson, pastor. Reports no Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 1st Sabbath.

PLEASANT HILL—Appears to have experienced a gracious revival. Elder D. N. Gore, pastor, has also enjoyed the additional labors of Elder J. H. Tart the past year, monthly. Reports a Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 2d Sabbath.

PLEASANT PLAIN—Is in a healthful condition. Elder G. W. Hill, pastor. Has a Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 2d Sabbath.

PORTER SWAMP—Nothing special. Elder G. W. Hill, pastor. Sabbath School prosperous. Time of meeting, 3d Sabbath.

SANDY PLAINS—Is under the pastoral care of Elder D. J. Ray. Has had additions to the membership. Reports no Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 2d Sabbath.

SEVEN CREEKS—Is represented as being in a prosperous condition, has experienced a precious meeting, some added to the church. Elder Joshua Sowle, pastor. No Sabbath School reported. Meetings, 4th Sabbath.

SWEET HOME—No material change. Elder N. Milliken, pastor. No Sabbath School. Meetings, 2d Sabbath.

WESTERN PRONG—Prospects cheering. Has had a gracious revival. Elder D. J. Ray, pastor. Reports a Sabbath School. Meeting, 3d Sabbath.

WHITE MARSH—Is in a prosperous condition. Elder J. W. Dickson, pastor. Has a Sunday School and Bible Class. Meetings, on the 2d Sabbath.

WHITEVILLE—Communicates nothing special. Has had no pastor for the past year. Has engaged the services of Elder G. W. Hill for the ensuing. Reports a Sabbath School.

PINEY FOREST—Is in a salutary condition. Elder D. N. Gore, pastor. Has a Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 4th Sabbath.

ABBOTTSBURG—Has had some accession to her members. Pastor's name not given. Has a Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 2d Sab.

HICKORY GROVE—Appears to be in a thriving condition. Pastor's name not given. No Sabbath School. Meetings, 4th Sabbath.

PARADISE—Is in peace and harmony. Elder J. M. Register, pastor. No Sabbath School. Meetings, 1st Sunday.

SHADY GROVE—Nothing important. Some additions by baptism. Has a Sabbath School. Time of Meetings, 1st Sabbath.

WHITE LAKE—Has experienced a glorious refreshing from the presence of the Lord, during a meeting of ten days. Has an interesting Sabbath School. Elder J. D. Elwell, pastor the present year.

FRENCHE'S CREEK—Has had a glorious revival during the year. Elder J. M. Register, pastor. Has a Sabbath School. Meetings, 3rd Sabbath.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Is in a prosperous condition. Elder J. M. Register, pastor. Has a Sabbath School. Time of Meetings, 4th, Sabbath.

ANTIOCH—(Brunswick County)—Nothing important. Appears to have no regular pastor. Reports a Sabbath School. Shared the aid of the Missionary, and Elder A. A. Edwards, occasionally. Time of meeting, 1st Sabbath.

BEULAH—All well and in peace. Elder D. K. Bennett, pastor. Reports a Sabbath School.

BETHEL—No pastor—Prayer meeting every Sabbath. Has a Sabbath School.

BRYAN'S CHAPEL—All in peace. A. A. Edwards, pastor. Has a Bible Class and Sunday School. Meetings, 2d Sabbath.

CHEERFUL HOPE—Has a Sabbath School and Bible Class. Elder J. W. Dickson, pastor. Condition, hopeful. Time of meeting, 3rd Sabbath.

GREEN SWAMP UNION—Nothing important. Elder N. Millken, pastor. No Sabbath School. Meetings, 4th Sabbath.

LIVINGSTON CHAPEL—Condition healthful. Enjoyed the labors of Elder J. P. Lennon. Reports a Sabbath School. Meetings, 1st Sabbath.

MILL CREEK—Elder John Harrison, pastor. No Sabbath School. Meetings, 4th sabbath. Prayer meetings semi-monthly.

MOUNT PISGAH—Reports nothing special. Has been supplied with preaching by Elder J. P. Lennon, monthly. Some additions by baptism. Has a Sabbath School. Meetings, 4th Sabbath.

NEW BRITAIN—In peace and harmony. Pastor, Elder Joel Bennett, assisted by Elder N. Milliken. No Sabbath School. Meetings on the 1st Sabbath.

SHALLOTTE—Reports all well. Elder D. K. Bennett, pastor. Sunday School in progress. Meetings, 3d Sabbath.

MASONBOROUGH—Is in a flourishing condition. Elder J. B. Barlow, pastor. No Sabbath School reported. Time of meetings not given.

BEAR SWAMP.—Has been much revived in a meeting held by the pastor, A. R. Pittman, assisted by Elder J. D. Elwell. Has a Sabbath School. Time of meeting, 2d Sabbath.

HAYS' SWAMP—Has enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and has had accessions to her members by baptism. Elder E. B. Ayers, pastor, meeting 1st Sabbath.

PINY GROVE—Has received a gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit during a meeting of seven days, conducted by the pastor Elder G. W. Hill, assisted a portion of the time by Elder J. D. Elwell. Has an encouraging Sabbath School, meeting 1st Sabbath.

BETHLEHEM—Reports northing cheering. Has been visited by the missionaries several times. Elder R. J. Long has preached for them a portion of the year, whose service they expect to obtain, as pastor, the ensuing year. No Sabbath School, time of meeting 2d, Sabbath.

BUCK CREEK--Is in peace one with another. Elder D. K. Bennett pastor. Has a large and flourishing Sabbath School, meetings on the 4th Sabbath.

BUG SWAMP—All in peace. Pastor J. W. Gore. No Sabbath School time of meeting 3d Sabbath.

CEDAR CREEK—Is a newly constituted church. Elder H. H. Holmes pastor, time of meeting not known. No Sabbath School reported.

CONWAYBOROUGH—Communicates nothing important, Appears to be destitute of a pastor. Reports no Sabbath School, time of meeting 4th Sabbath,

HONEY CAMP—Is in a prosperous condition. Has large accessions to her numbers. Pastor Elder J. Sowle. No Sabbath School, time of meeting 3d Sabbath.

MOUNT OLIVE—Is a newly constituted church. Has enjoyed the pastoral services of Elder M. R. Martin, a part of the year, and is without a pastor at present, meeting 1st Sabbath.

OAK GROVE—All in peace; a promising Sabbath School. H. H. Holmes pastor, time of meeting not given.

PLEASANT MEADOW—Nothing special, a flourishing Sabbath School in progress. Elder H. H. Holmes pastor the past year. Elder J. Sowle for the ensuing, meeting 4th Sabbath.

SALEM—Has experienced great difficuties. Elder J, W. Gore pastor. Has a Sabbath School, meeting 3d Sabbath.

SOCASTEE—Has been recently organized. Has been supplied with preaching by the missionary labors of Elder D. K. Bennett.

SPRING BRANCH—Is in a salutary condition. Elder F. Prevatt pastor the past year. Has a Sabbath School in progress, meetings 1st Sabbath.

SPRINGFIELD—Nothing of special interest. Pastor H. H. Holmes. No Sabbath School, meeting 1st Sabbath.

UNITED CHURCHES—Appears to be in a state of prosperity. Pastor H, H. Holmes. Two Sabbath Schools in the neighborhood, meeting 3d Sabbath.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by letter. | Restored. | Dismissed, | Experience. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Colored. | Total. | Association Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | A. R. PITTMAN, *T. B. Newbeury*, *Q. B. Mitchell, | 10 | 4 | 2 | 18 | .... | 16 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 225 | $ 4 35 |
| Antioch, | Eli Wishart, Sol. Crump, Uriah Pitman, | 29 | 1 | 6 | .... | .... | 4 | 1 | ... | .... | .... | 285 | 3 50 |
| Big Branch, | *J. F. Ward, Jesse Flowers, John Waters, | 2 | 2 | 7 | 21 | .... | 5 | 2 | .... | .... | 5 | 250 | 3 50 |
| Back Swamp, | J. L. Nance, Neill Townsend, *E. J. Nance, | .... | 2 | 1 | 4 | .... | 13 | 2 | 53 | 111 | 79 | 243 | 3 00 |
| Hog Swamp, | S. D. COLLINS, *Zach. Carter*, H. L. Britt, | 20 | 6 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 114 | 3 00 |
| Lumberton, | J. S. Thompson, G. H. Todd, *B. Godwin, | .... | 1 | .... | 8 | .... | 5 | 3 | .... | .... | 3 | 88 | 3 50 |
| Mount Eliam, | E. Phillips, W. A. Stone, Sam. Stone, | 26 | 1 | 13 | 2 | .... | 8 | 1 | .... | ... | 2 | 148 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | *A. C. Miller, N. F. McCormick, Mark Jackson, | .... | .... | .... | .... | ... | .... | 1 | 10 | 25 | 27 | 62 | 1 00 |
| Raft Swamp, | L. E. Tyner, *T. Purnell, *F. G. Odom, | 5 | .... | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | 13 | 67 | 1 55 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | D. Allen, B. Leggett, A. Singletary, | 9 | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 74 | 1 50 |
| Spring Hill, | Giles Williams, J. W. Edmond, R. R. Barnes, | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 | 16 | .... | 26 | 1 00 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | *Pinck. Blackman*, Everett Hinson, J. C. Mercer, | 10 | 1 | 13 | .... | .... | 10 | .... | 56 | 90 | .... | 146 | 3 00 |
| Cedar Grove, | *N. J. Thompson, Jas. Edwards, Francis Hays, | 30 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .... | 4 | .... | 39 | 51 | 6 | 90 | 3 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | B. Buffking, A. Strictling, Sam. Strictling, | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 8 | .... | 21 | 51 | 6 | 72 | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads, | H. LENNON, Ira Lennon, G. G. Pate, | 45 | 4 | 1 | 4 | .... | 4 | 4 | .... | .... | 23 | 255 | 6 75 |
| Iron Hill ⋈ Roads, | J. L. Powell, *Allen Inman, A. C. Mears, | 19 | 7 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9 | 91 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | J. P. Edmund, D. F. Williamson, D. R. Williamson, | 16 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 65 | 92 | 37 | 160 | 2 25 |
| Mount Moriah, | M. Formydural, J. P. Pierce, J. W. DICKSON, | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 18 | 2 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | E. H. Todd, John Grainger, *H. Harrelson, | 12 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 25 | 85 | 1 50 |
| Mount Tabor, | John Harrelson, *Lennon Sowle, F. H. Fowler, | 34 | 4 | 5 | .... | .... | 8 | .... | 61 | 80 | 1 | 141 | 2 50 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Zion, | D. J. Ray, Orran Lennon, *C. Jones, | 13 | | | 1 | | 1 | 5 | | | 16 | 103 | 3 25 |
| Pleasant Hill, | D. N. Gore, T. Thompson, U. F. Boswell, | 26 | 5 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 18 | 163 | 3 10 |
| Pleasant Plain, | G. W. Hill, J. W. Ellis, A. H. High, | 1 | 1 | | 6 | | 9 | 3 | 56 | 113 | 50 | 207 | 4 10 |
| Porter Swamp, | D. Coleman, E. D. Mears, J. C. Carroll, | | 2 | | 5 | | | | | | 40 | 128 | 2 50 |
| Piney Forest, | A. F. Powell, L. I. Yates, John Frink, | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 58 | 2 00 |
| Sandy Plains, | D. J. Ray, | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 4 | | | | 47 | 56 | 2 50 |
| Seven Creeks, | J. Sowle, Jon. Gore, J. K. Gore, | 18 | 7 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | | 54 | 66 | 31 | 151 | 3 00 |
| Sweet Home, | Jas. Ward, Sr., Jas. Ward, Jr., *J. H. Standly, | 1 | | | 6 | | | | | | 4 | 41 | 1 75 |
| Waccamaw, | Not represented, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Prong, | J. C. Powell, Lennon Jordan, E. W. Wooten, | 23 | 3 | | | | 3 | | | | 7 | 120 | 3 00 |
| White Marsh, | M. Powell, O. H. Powell, Ezek. Ray, | 14 | 4 | | | | 6 | 1 | | | | 121 | 5 00 |
| Whiteville, | T. F. Toon, T. S. Memory, J. J. Williamson, | 4 | | | | | 1 | | | | 15 | 37 | 2 75 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessoms, Noah Mercer, Ewen Johnson, | 13 | 5 | 8 | 34 | | 3 | 2 | | | 30 | 224 | 4 00 |
| Abbottsburg, | C. D. Russ, | 19 | 11 | | 4 | | 2 | | | | | 54 | 2 00 |
| Frenche's Creek, | J. D. Elwell, C. B. Pridgen, Daniel Leonard, | 15 | 5 | | | | 2 | | | | | 112 | 1 50 |
| Paradise, | Kinion Carroll, E. Bright, M. J. Carroll, | | 2 | 5 | | | | | | | | 57 | 2 00 |
| Mount Pleasant, | J. M. Pridgen, D. C. Clark, J. H. Watson, | 45 | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | 70 | 2 00 |
| Shady Grove, | S. B. Thompson, James Goodin, R. L. Mason, | | | | 3 | | 4 | 1 | | | 12 | 113 | 3 50 |
| White Lake, | J. G. Sutton, J. A. Sutton, *C. Evans, | 26 | 1 | 5 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 122 | 3 00 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | A. A. Edwards, R. W. Woodsides, E. R. Lancaster, | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 19 | 1 50 |
| Beulah, | *J. W. Tharp, S. Hickman, E. Hickman, | | | | | | 3 | | | | | 41 | 1 75 |
| Bethel, | J. L. Wescott, B. D. Wescott. *F. D. Price, | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | | 50 | 1 50 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | Sam. Jordan, E. J. Carter, J. C. Hilborn, | 16 | | | | | | | | | 3 | 81 | 2 00 |
| Cheerful Hope, | John Smith, H. Mitchell, T. Rogers, | 4 | 2 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 2 | 66 | 2 50 |
| Green Swamp Union, | *E. Milliken*, M. McKeithen, K. C. McKeithen, | 11 | | | 2 | | 4 | | | | | 33 | 1 50 |
| Livingston Chapel, | *J. P. Lennon, D. R. Wells, R. P. Lennon, | 15 | 3 | | | | 4 | | | | 7 | 87 | 3 00 |
| Mill Creek, | J. W. Harrelson, H. B. Willetts, | 6 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 78 | 2 50 |
| Mount Pisgah, | J. Standland, J. Lancaster, *E. Sellers, | 20 | 6 | 16 | 6 | | 5 | 1 | | | | 164 | 3 00 |
| New Britain, | N. Millikin, *D. B. McKeithen, *W. S. Millikin, | 4 | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 76 | 3 00 |
| Shallotte, | D. K. Bennett, R. J. Long, E. Mears, | 4 | 2 | 5 | 15 | | 7 | 2 | | | 15 | 138 | 5 00 |
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masonborough, | J. J. Hewlett, John Walton, J. B. Barlow, | 29 | 5 | 1 | 49 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 55 | 4 | 95 | 2 00 |

## STATISTICAL TABLE.—*(Continued.)*

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Experience. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Colored. | Total. | Association Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MARION COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | E. S. Ayres, Z. Adams, D. T. Page, | 27 | 2 | 6 | 10 | .... | 3 | 3 | ... | .... | 8 | 248 | 3 90 |
| Hays' Swamp, | D. B. AYRES, A. Jackson, *D. C. McMillan.* | 8 | 1 | .... | ... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | 2 | 26 | 1 50 |
| Piny Grove, | L. C. Hays, E. L. Rogers, *R. H. Rogers, | 44 | 1 | .... | ... | .... | 6 | 2 | .... | .... | 12 | 211 | 4 00 |
| HORRY COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | Not represented. | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ........ |
| Bethlehem, | J. H. Folk, W. H. Harris, E. Lee, | 1 | .... | .... | 9 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | ... | 4 | 89 | 2 50 |
| Buck Creek, | J. T. Bellamy, S. L. Gore, W. E. Gore, | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | 7 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 48 | 2 00 |
| Bug Swamp, | H. H. HOLMES, *J. R. THOMPSON, H. Holmes, | 5 | .... | .... | .... | ... | 2 | .... | 18 | 41 | ... | 59 | 2 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | George Stroud, Amos Roe, H. Henderson, | 15 | 4 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | 13 | 23 | .... | 36 | 1 50 |
| Conwayborough, | A. L. Due, W. H. Alford, J. A. Mayo, | 2 | 1 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 15 | 55 | 3 00 |
| Honey Camp, | S. S. Jolly, Alva Enzor, John Williamson, | 47 | 12 | 2 | .... | ... | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 110 | 3 00 |
| Mount Olive, | T. G. Tyler, E. Lovett, John Williams, | 27 | 10 | .... | 1 | .... | ... | .... | 16 | 21 | .... | 37 | 1 50 |
| Oak Grove, | G. A. Prince, A. J. Faircloth, *A. W. Faircloth, | .. | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 51 | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Meadow, | M. R. MARTIN, H. M. Anderson, K. M. Martin, | .... | 5 | 2 | 6 | .... | 6 | .... | ... | .... | 5 | 114 | 1 50 |
| Salem, | E. Allen, J. T. Smith, John Allen, | 2 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | ... | .... | .... | ... | 63 | 2 00 |
| Socastee, | T. M. Owens, T. W. Lay, A. T. Mew, | 1 | 14 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | 20 | 2 50 |
| Spring Branch, | H. Enzer, Levi Grainger, C. Worley, | 8 | 1 | .... | 6 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 130 | 3 00 |
| Spring Field, | J. G. Gore, Wm. Hughes, Charles Geres, | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 62 | 2 25 |
| Little River, | | ... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ........ |
| United Churches, | J. P. Edge, W. C. Reaves, T. J. D. Edge, | 20 | ... | .... | 14 | .... | 3 | 2 | ... | .... | .... | 94 | 3 00 |
| Polly Swamp Station, | | ... | .... | .... | ... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ... | ... | .... | 1 50 |
| | | 810 | 167 | 118 | 270 | 7 | 202 | 53 | 508 | 835 | 593 | 6958 | $175 75 |

[Delegates absent are designated by a star, names of Ordained Ministers are printed with small capitals, Licentiates in italics.]

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICE. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| D. B. Ayres, | Leesville, | Robeson | County, | N. C. |
| Norman Martin, | " | " | " | " |
| A. R. Pittman, | " | " | " | " |
| Joel Bennett, | Little River, | Horry | " | S. C. |
| D. K Bennett, | " | " | " | " |
| Nathan Millikin, | " | " | " | " |
| Daniel Boyd, | Conwayboro, | " | " | " |
| J. R. Thompson, | " | " | " | " |
| M. R. Martin, | " | " | " | " |
| H. H. Holmes, | " | " | " | " |
| Zadock Bullock, | Fair Bluff, | Columbus | " | N. C. |
| J. H. Tart, | " | " | " | " |
| James Cashwell, | Abbottsburg, | Bladen | " | " |
| P. C. Connelly, | Shoe Heel, | Robeson | " | " |
| J. W. Dickson, | Flemington, | Columbus | " | " |
| J. W. Gore, | Whiteville, | " | " | " |
| D. N. Gore, | " | " | " | " |
| G. W. Hill, | " | " | " | " |
| J. P. Suggs, | " | " | " | " |
| John Harrelson, | " | " | " | " |
| Haynes Lennon, | Peacock's Store, | " | " | " |
| J. P. Lennon, | Robeson's P. O., | Brunswick | " | " |
| R. J. Long, | Shallotte, | " | " | " |
| Noah Mercer, | Lumberton, | Robeson | " | " |
| Isham Stone, | " | " | " | " |
| R. M. Sessoms, | " | " | " | " |
| A. A. Edwards, | Wilmington, | | | " |
| J. M. Register, | White Hall, | Bladen | " | " |
| Joshua Sowle, | Pireway, | Columbus | " | " |
| S. D. Collins, | Leesville, | Robeson | " | " |
| J. B. Barlow, | Wilmington, | | | " |

## LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS.

| NAMES. | POST OFFICE. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Zachariah Hewett, | Shallotte, | Brunswick | County, | N. C. |
| Zachariah Carter, | Lumberton, | Robeson | " | " |
| T. B. Newbeury, | " | " | " | " |
| William Willetts, | Smithville, | Brunswick | " | " |
| Thom. Robbins, | " | " | " | " |
| S. W. Wescott, | " | " | " | " |

## LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS.—(CONTINUED.)

| NAMES. | POST OFFICE. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N. Stevens, | Whiteville, | Columbus | " | N. C. |
| Richard Prince, | " | " | " | " |
| Pinck. Blackman, | " | " | " | " |
| J. R. Burchett, | Bladenborough, | Bladen | " | " |
| B. G. Sellers, | Shallotte, | Brunswick | " | " |
| James Long, | Pireway, | Columbus | " | " |
| B. Watson, | White Hall, | Bladen | " | " |
| D. C. McMillen, | Little Rock, | Marion | " | S. C. |
| Eli Millikin, | Flemington, | Columbus | " | N. C. |
| J. J. Beasly, | Wilmington, | | | " |

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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|---|---|---|
| To amount sent up by the churches, | $175 75 | |
| By amount paid for printing Minutes, | | $140 00 |
| " " allowed for incidental expenses, | | 5 75 |
| " " " transcribing Minutes, &c., | | 30 00 |
| | $175 75 | $175 75 |

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of Elder G. W. Hill as Treasurer of the Association and former Treasurer of the Board and find them correct.

J. W. ELLIS,
T. S. MEMORY, } Auditors.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WESTERN PRONG,

COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

*October 25th—28th, 1872.*

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# LIST OF MINISTERS,

## WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

| NAME. | POST-OFFICE. | COUNTY. | STATE. |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. R. Pittman, | Lumberton, | Robeson, | N. C. |
| Noah Mercer, | " | " | " |
| T. B. Newbeury, | " | " | " |
| Isham Stone, | " | " | " |
| R. M. Sessoms, | " | " | " |
| S. D. Collins, | " | " | " |
| W. S. McDiarmid, | " | " | " |
| D. B. Ayres, | Red Banks, | " | " |
| Norman Martin, | " " | " | " |
| P. C. Connelly, | Shoe Heel, | " | " |
| J. W. Gore, | Whiteville, | Columbus, | " |
| G. W. Hill, | " | " | " |
| D. J. Ray, | " | " | " |
| D. N. Gore, | " | " | " |
| S. P. Suggs, | " | " | " |
| John Harralson, | " | " | " |
| J. H. Tart, | Fair Bluff, | " | " |
| J. W. Dickson, | Flemington, | " | " |
| Haynes Lennon, | Peacock's Store, | " | " |
| Joshua Sowles, | Pireway, | " | " |
| J. P. Lennon, | Robeson's, | Brunswick, | " |
| S. W. Wescott, | Smithville, | " | " |
| R. J. Long, | Shallotte, | " | " |
| J. M. Register, | White Hall, | Bladen, | " |
| J. B. Barlow, | Wilmington, | New Hanover, | " |
| A. A. Edwards, | " | " " | " |
| Joel Bennett, | Little River, | Horry, | S. C. |
| D. K. Bennett, | " " | " | " |
| Nathan Milliken, | " " | " | " |
| W. D. Martin, | Conwayboro', | " | " |
| Daniel Boyd, | " | " | " |
| J. B. Thompson, | " | " | " |
| M. R. Martin, | " | " | " |
| H. H. Holmes, | " | " | " |

# PROCEEDINGS.

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FRIDAY, *October* 25, 10½ A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder A. R. Pittman, from Matthew XXI: 28—"Go work to-day in my vineyard."

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the house. The Clerk calls the list of churches. The Moderator reads the 17th chapter of St. John. Hymn. Prayer by Elder D. J. Ray.

Appointed J. F. Ward, J. M. Register and D. K. Bennett as a Committee of Finance.

On motion, the church letters were called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, the reading of the letter from the church at Abbottsburg was postponed till 2 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Elder H. Lennon was re-elected Moderator, and Elder G. W. Hill having declined a re-election, Elder W. S. McDiarmid was elected Clerk. Brother S. E. Ward was was elected Treasurer.

Corresponding messengers were invited to report, when the following came forward and were cordially received and invited to seats:

From Cedar Creek Association—Elder W. S. Melvin. From Welsh Neck—Elder W. D. Martin. Elder John Mitchell was welcomed as the Agent of Wake Forest College, and Elder J. B. Richardson as the representative of the church at Greensboro', N. C

The following committees are appointed:

To supply the stand—Elder D. J. Ray, and brethren

Eli Wishart, Richard Wooten, Barnabas Brown, and A. F. Powell.

On Ordination of Ministers—Elders W. S. McDiarmid, J. B. Richardson, G. W. Hill, D. J. Ray, A. R. Pittman, H. Lennon.

On Arrangements—Elders H. Lennon, A. R. Pittman and W. S. McDiarmid.

To select Corresponding Messengers—E. Wishart, Ewen Johnson, E. W. Wooten.

On Periodicals—A. R. Pittman, J. H. Tart, John Mitchell.

On Sabbath Schools—Elders D. N. Gore, J. M. Register, A. A. Edwards.

Adjourned till 9½ A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. B. Richardson.

SATURDAY, Oct. 26, 9½ A. M.

Delegates assembled in the house. Moderator in the chair. Clerk called the list of churches. Majority responded. Prayer by Elder John Mitchell.

Unrepresented churches called for. Several responded.

Invitation extended to corresponding messengers and ministers from other Associations. Bro. J. J. Croom, from the Eastern Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

The following new churches, constituted since the last meeting of the Association, were received as members of the body:

Union, Horry county, S. C.; Shiloh and Silent Grove, Brunswick co., N. C.; Hester's, Bladen, N. C.; Ten Mile, Robeson co., N. C.; Flemington, Columbus co., N. C.

Little Pee Dee church, Horry county, S. C., presented a letter from Welsh Neck Association, and was received.

A letter from Smithville was read giving an account of the efforts being made to establish a church at that place, which were cordially approved by the Association.

The church at Sandy Plains, composed entirely of colored members, applied for a letter to join Gray's Creek Colored Association. The letter was granted.

The next meeting of the Association was appointed to be held at Big Branch church, Robeson county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1873, at 10½ A. M. Elder W. S. McDiarmid was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, and Elder A. R. Pittman the Missionary sermon.

Elder E. D. Johnson here presented himself from Cedar Creek Association, and was recognized as messenger from that body. Also, brother Wm. Bland from the Eastern Association.

The following committees were appointed to write reports:

*On Baptist State Convention*—Elder P. C. Connelly, J. G. Sutton.

*On Foreign Missions*—Elder J. W. Dickson, E. Wishart, J. H. Mills.

*On Wake Forest College*—Elder John Mitchell, Dr. C. D. Russ, W. A. Memory.

*To prepare a List of Ministers with their Post-Offices*—Elders G. W. Hill, A. R. Pittman, D. K. Bennett.

Recess till 2 o'clock, P. M.

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Reassembled at 2 P. M.

The reading of the letter from the church at Abbottsburg being the special order for this hour, was called up.

On motion, a committee of twelve—two from each county embraced in the Association—was appointed to investigate certain grave charges against the church at

Abbottsburg, and recommend suitable action. The following brethren compose the committee:

*From Robeson County, N. C.*—Eli Wishart. J. F. Ward.

*From Columbus County, N. C.*—J. W. Council, W. S. Frink.

*From Brunswick County, N. C.*—R. W. Woodside, J. Stanaland.

*From Horry County, S. C.*—John A. Mayo, R. D. Best.

*From Bladen County, N. C.*—J. G. Sutton, Lennon Jordan.

*From Marion, S. C.*—John N. Page, E. L. Rogers.

Appointed Elder W. S. McDiarmid to conduct the investigation on the part of the Association.

The committee retired, and after hearing testimony unanimously reported that the church at Abbottsburg was in disorder, it having been shown that they retained in their fellowship, and refused to enforce discipline in the case of Elder James Cashwell, one of their members, who had been guilty of retailing spirituous liquors—or allowing it to be done on his premises—and living in the habitual violation of the seventh commandment. The committee, therefore, recommend that the Association withdraw fellowship from this church.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was unanimously adopted, and the letter from the church at Abbottsburg returned to the delegates.

Report on Periodicals was read by Elder Pittman, which, after remarks by Elder J. Mitchell and J.H. Mills, was adopted.

Elder J. B. Richardson addressed the Association in behalf of Greensboro' church, and received contributions amounting to $65.25.

On motion, it was ordered that the collection taken up to-morrow be appropriated to the cause of Domestic Missions.

Adjourned till Monday 9½, A. M. Prayer by Elder Martin.

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SABBATH, Oct. 27, 1872.

The weather is pleasant and the congregation large.

Preaching in the house by Elders Mitchell, Richardson and Martin in the order of thieir names, and at the stand by Elders Johnson, Lennon and Connelly.

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MONDAY, Oct. 28, 9½ A. M.

Delegates assembled. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by brother J. H. Mills. The minutes of Saturday were read and corrected. The list of delegates was revised and corrected.

The following reports were read and adopted: On Sabbath Schools, Foreign Missions, Baptist State Convention, Ministers and their Post-Offices, and Corresponding Messengers.

On motion, it was agreed that any brother who may attend any Association with which we correspond is authorized to act as corresponding messenger.

Ordered that the Constitution of the Association and of the Missionary Board be printed in the Minutes.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the Minutes as the funds sent up for the purpose will pay for, and distribute them *pro rata* among the churches.

Attention being called to certain errors in the report of the committee on Salem church, as printed in the Minutes of last year, the clerk was instructed to have the same reprinted with proper corrections in the Minutes of this year.

On motion, ordered that the clerk be allowed $30 for his services.

The Association here took a recess of half an hour to give place for a meeting of the Missionary Board.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

MONDAY, 1 P. M.

Organized by the re-election of Elder A. R. Pittman as President, and brother E. Wishart as Treasurer, and the election of Elder W. S. McDiarmid as Secretary.

The list of churches was called and funds paid in.

Executive Committee presented their report, covering report of the Financial Agent, which was then read and accepted.

On motion, the Executive committee was instructed to secure the services of Elder H. Lennon as Superintendent of Missions and Financial Agent for as much of his time as he may be able to devote to the work, at $3 a day.

Ordered by the Board, that Elder T. B. Newbeury be paid $25 for services at Ten Mile church the past year.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board adjourned.

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The Association reassembled.

Elder J. W. Dickson offered a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends of the neighborhood for their hospitality and kindness towards the members of the Association. Unanimously adopted.

The committee on Ordination of Ministers reported that they had examined brother S. W. Wescott as to his christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of doctrine and church government. All of which was satisfactory, and they recommend that his church proceed to have him ordained whenever he decides upon a field of labor.

Report of the committee on Wake Forest College was read and adopted.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Big Branch church, Robeson county, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1873, at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

HAYNES LENNON, *Mod'r.*

W. S. McDiarmid, *Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.

## *(A.)*

### CORRECTED REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT SALEM CHURCH.

Your committee would most respectfully state that we waited on the Salem Church, on December 13th and 14th, 1871, and after a careful investigation of four different charges preferred against Elder Wm. M. Mints, we found him guilty on the charge of christian indiscretion, after allowing him the full benefit of his own explanation as to his purpose and intentions. The second and third counts were of a trivial and private nature, and dismissed. The fourth count, affecting his general christian character, was so far confirmed that the council directed the chairman, Rev. J. D. Elwell, to administer a heavy reprimand, which was done in the presence of the whole church. We feel that it is our duty to say, that the said Wm. M. Mints did, on the same day after receiving said reprimand, openly, in the presence of three of said council of investigation, treat the special conditions of said reprimand with contempt.

In conclusion we will further state, that said church at Salem, at a very recent date, preferred against said Wm. M. Mints charges, which were duly investigated, and he was deposed from the gospel ministry, and expelled from the fellowship of said church at Salem, Horry county, S. C. Respectfully submitted.

H. LENNON,
A. R. PITTMAN,
J. W. DICKSON,
J. W. GORE,
(Not present but concurring,) G. W. HILL.

## *(B.)*

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was intended for us. It is our duty to see that the Word of Life is preached to the wild riders on the plains of Patagonia, to the sun-burnt sons of Africa, to the spirit-fearing idol-worshippers of Asia, to the cultivated but deluded nations of Europe, and to all the Islands of the ocean. While millions are going down to death, love to man as well as love to God, should prompt us to study to understand and to perform our whole christian duty to the heathen who are ignorant of the God who made them, and of the Saviour who died to redeem them.

J. H. MILLS,
E. WISHART,
J. W. DICKSON.

## (C.)

### WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

We have reason to be thankful that our College has survived the war, and though crippled in its finances, is still doing good work. It is believed that there is no college in the country that has done better work upon smaller means; and the matter of astonishment is, not that it has done no better, but that it has done so well, or even lived at all, with the very limited means of support which have been given it by our denomination

The College is located in Wake county, sixteen miles north of Raleigh, immediately on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad. Its location is central, accessible, healthy, and desirable. The number of students is not large, but increasing.

There are some fifteen young brethren there who have the ministry in view—some ten of whom are beneficiaries. The endowment fund was nearly all swept away by the war, and it is necessary to replace it in order to give the College stability, efficiency, and the means of increasing usefulness. The Trustees propose to raise, for the present, $50,000 as a permanent fund, the interest of which, added to the income from tuition, will enable them to provide such a school as will meet the wants of our denomination, and keep it out of debt. This great work is commended to your sympathy and support.

It behooves us as a denomination to look well to our educational interests. Special attention should be given to the education of our religious teachers. The truth may suffer for want of an advocate; and holding, as we believe, the truth, we should be prepared to defend that truth, and for Christ's sake propagate it. If the principles we hold will, as we believe, not only stand the light, but become more firmly established and universally received as the light increases, we should encourage investigation and diligent research that the truth may be known and embraced.

Will not this Association support at least *one* beneficiary at Wake Forest College? And what better use can be made of a part of the means which God has given us than to put it where, under God, it will be the means of disseminating sanctified learning?

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL,
W. A. MEMORY.

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## (D.)

### CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Your committee to select corresponding messengers to sister Associations beg leave to report as follows:

*To the Eastern Association*—Elders J. W. Dickson, J. M. Register, and brethren J. G. Sutton, J. L. Wescott and T. S. Memory.

*To Cedar Creek Association*—Elders W. S. McDiarmid, H. Lennon, and brethren S. E. Ward, Eli Wishart, Jas. S. McMillan and Ewen Johnson.

*To Pee Dee Association*—Elders A. R. Pittman, P. C. Connelly, and brethren Neill Townsend and Neill A. Thompson.

*To Welsh Neck Association*—Elders D. N. Gore, W. R. Martin, and brethren E. B. Ford, John F. Grantham and A. F. Powell.

The first named Elder to write the letter in each case.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

## *(E.)*

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools are fully persuaded, from experience as well as from daily observation, that there is no subject more deserving thought and attention than that of the Sunday School; and whereas, much has been written and spoken upon the subject from time to time, and as yet comparatively little done in its behalf, we do think that the time has come for putting our preaching into practice. For the accomplishment of this Heaven-born object we recommend:

1st. That all the pastors in the bounds of our Association go earnestly to work in their respective churches and congregations, and that they shall continue to present and to press the claims of Sabbath Schools until they shall have established one in every church and congregation.

2d. Whereas success in accomplishing the designs of these schools will materially depend upon the number and quality of their libraries, we would suggest that pastors see that these schools are well supplied with books and catechisms, as well as suitable periodicals, published by our own denomination.

3d. In order that such arrangements and supplies may be made easy, speedy, effective, and without imposition upon the schools, we recommend that they, without delay, seek affiliation with the Sunday School Convention of the Cape Fear Association, which has for its object the faithful accomplishment of all that the Sunday Schools can wish for, and the Board established by and connected with the Convention will make it their business, as well as take pleasure in seeing that all demands of the aforesaid character made on them are promptly met. Respectfully submitted.

D. N. GORE, *Chairman.*

## *(F.)*

# THE CONSTITUTION,

OR

## FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon the confession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion amongst us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union; we, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

ARTICLE 1. The Association will be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose—and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

ART. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead, since the last Association.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical (?) power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

ART. 4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted to the union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, (if found orthodox and orderly,) shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegate the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only two members to each church.

ART. 8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be twice read, and before it be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

ART. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of the delegates to the Association; and those moneys thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received, and paid out, according to the direction of the Association.

ART. 12. The minutes of the Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

ART. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, (and corrected if need be,) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ART. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

ART. 15. The Association shall have power—

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.
2. To provide inviolably a claim of communication among the churches.
3. To give all necessary advice in case of difficulty.
4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.
5. To appropriate those moneys by the churches contributed for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may see proper.
6. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business they may see proper.
7. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.
8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, whom they shall judge necesssary.
9. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

# RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

ART. 6. No persou shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association, without liberty from the Association.

ART. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

ART. 8. No member of the Associatian shall address another in any other terms or appellatives but the title of brother.

ART. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking, till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

ART. 10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association requires.

ART. 11. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he pleases before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall have no vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

ART. 12. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

*(G.)*

# CONSTITUTION

### OF THE

## DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

Article I. Any church. benevolent society, or individual contributing to the funds of the Board, at one time, five dollars, shall be entitled to one representative in the Board for one year, and may continue to represent themselves in it from year to year, as long as they pay this sum. If they contribute ten dollars, they are entitled to two members, and so on—one member for every five dollars paid, it being understood that the representatives in the Board must be members in good standing in the Baptist Church. The sum of thirty dollars, paid at one time, shall constitute a life member.

Art. II. This Board shall hold its annual meetings at the time and place of the Cape Fear Association, at which time it shall choose a Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall continue in office one year, and until others are appointed to fill their places.

Art. III. No person shall be received by the Board as a missionary but such as are united to a church of our faith and order, and about whose evangelical principles, piety and qualifications to be useful as a minister of the gospel they are well satisfied.

Art. IV. It shall be obligatory on the Chairman and Secretary to perform the duties devolving on officers of the same grade in other well regulated deliberative assemblies. They should attend all the meetings of the Board; but in case of absence or inability the Board may supply their places for the time being. In cases of emergency, the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Secretary and the Treasurer, may call a meeting of the Board. Five members of the Board shall form a quorum at any of its meetings.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and have in safe keeping the funds of the Board committed to his care, and keep a fair account of all his transactions, subject to the inspection of the Board at all times. He shall pay out no money except at the order of the Chairman, and when required shall give bond and approved security for the amount of money in his hands. The Chairman shall only draw on him at the order of the Board; and in case of an emergency the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Secretary and Treasurer, may call a meeting.

Art. VI. Any alterations or amendments which experience may dictate may be made in these rules, provided it is done at an annual meeting of the Board, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

## (*H.*)

## REPORT OF AGENT OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

Beloved Brethren:

Having been unanimously chosen General Superintendent and Financial Agent for the Domestic Mission Board in the Cape Fear Baptist Association at the last annual session, I unhesitatingly entered upon the duties thereof on November 25th, 1871, and have prosecuted the work, under the direction of your Executive Committee, to the best of my judgment and ability.

Our first work was to conciliate and interest the disaffected by mild, but effectual means, and thus make the churches realize the fact that we are one unbounded brotherhood, being "of one heart and of one soul."

The next most pressing need was, the supplying the destitute with the word of life at regularly stated times, and as much as possible on the Lord's day, which work has been accomplished in an unprecedented manner by our missionaries, who acted as both missionary and pastor.

To facilitate the great work of evangelizing our entire territory, our kind Pastors, at the suggestion of the Superintendent, and by the unanimous consent of their flocks, have gone forth breaking the Bread of Life to the hungry, infusing life and energy in every part, while all the churches and most of the stations have responded nobly by their contributions to the Board of Missions, thus enabling the Executive Commitiee to present to you a clear sheet—a fact that will be hailed with the most profound gratitude by every friend of our beloved Zion. Then let us, with united hearts, consecrate ourselves to Almighty God for the advancement of a Kingdom that knows no cessation until the earth is conquered by the blood of the Lamb.

### ACTUAL WORK.

In April last, Elder P. C. Connelly commenced laboring as missionary and Colporteur—traveled 112 days in the middle and western parts of the Association, and while there were no extraordinary outpourings of the Holy Spirit on his congregations, yet his labors were effective for the permanent good of the Association and Board of Missions.

Elder John P. Lennon was the acceptable missionary with the stations at Sharon, Potter's School and Myrtle Branch. Under his labors a church at Sharon has been organized, and is known as Silent Grove.

The church at Mount Sinai being destitute of a pastor, has been supplied by Elder James H. Tart monthly on Sunday and day before.

Elder A. A. Edwards labored with the churches at Antioch and Mill Creek; also, the stations at Shiloh and Town Creek. A church at Shiloh has been constituted during the year.

The church at Bethlehem, at the special request of the Superintendent, was supplied by Elder R. J. Long. He had much difficulty at first in the execution of discipline, but now rejoices in a gracious revival—baptized 27 persons.

The church at Cedar Creek, and stations at Union and Pleasant View have had the services of Elder H. H. Holmes. Both stations have been signally blessed of the Lord—baptized 60 persons.

A station established at Ten Mile Swamp has been regularly supplied by Elder T. B. Newbeury, and in the meantime a church was constituted at that point under quite favorable auspices.

Abbottsburg church was visited a part of the year by Elder W. S. McDiarmid.

The Church at Bethel and station at Smithville were faithfully served by Elder W. S. McDiarmid.

Elder D. K. Bennett labored at the following points, viz: Little River, Socastee, Conwayboro', Tilly Swamp, United Churches, Joiner's School House, S. C., and Antioch, N. C., with much acceptance to the churches and profit to the Association.

The following pastors, viz: A. R. Pittman, D. J. Ray, J. M. Register, G. W. Hill, J. W. Dickson, Joshua Sowles, J. W. Gore and D. N. Gore, under the direction of your Superintendent, bestowed labors generally through the Association.

For the want of a pastor the church at Antioch, S. C., is fast declining.

Your Superintendent has not been able to visit the church at Green Swamp Union, nor the station at Pleasant View, during the year; but, be it to their praise, they have done their duty to our Mission Board. He visited once each, New Britain, Waccamaw, Sweet Home, Iron Hill X Roads, Mount Zion, Back Swamp, Zion's Tabernacle and Ten Mile Swamp. All the other points have been attended twice, and in some instances, where the interests of the Board of Missions required, oftener—making one hundred and ninety-four days, preached one hundred and eighty-six sermons, delivered sixty-nine missionary addresses, engaged the services of eighteen missionaries, collected nineteen hundred and seventy dollars and forty-six cents, disbursed nineteen hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-two cents, leaving for the Treasurer twenty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents, as per statement.

In conclusion, I tender you my most unfeigned regard for your confidence—to the brethren and friends for their kind attentions, my most profound gratitude, and to the members and families of other evangelical denominations my highest esteem.

I have the honor to be
Your most humble servant,
HAYNES LENNON.

# STATEMENT

*Of Receipts for the Year* 1872, *by* HAYNES LENNON, *Ag't D. M. Board:*

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|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | |
| Ashpole Church, | $35 00 |
| Antioch Church, | 48 30 |
| Big Branch, | 18 50 |
| Back Swamp, | 32 00 |
| Hog Swamp, | 15 85 |
| Lumberton, | 45 71 |
| Mount Eliam,* | 60 00 |
| Pleasant Grove, | 2 25 |
| Raft Swamp, | 5 75 |
| Spring Hill,* | 15 50 |
| Ten Mile Swamp,* | 2 30 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | 8 50 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | |
| Beaver Dam, | 10 55 |
| Cedar Grove, | 9 25 |
| Cherry Grove,* | 24 25 |
| Cross Roads,* | 75 00 |
| Iron Hill X Roads,* | 15 00 |
| Flemington, | 9 60 |
| Macedonia, | 18 00 |
| Mount Moriah,* | 7 25 |
| Mount Sinai, | 16 50 |
| Mount Tabor, | 17 75 |
| Mount Zion, | 30 20 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 63 95 |
| Pleasant Plain, | 36 95 |
| Porter Swamp,* | 23 95 |
| Piney Forest,* | 35 75 |
| Sandy Plain, | 8 85 |
| Seven Creeks,* | 18 20 |
| Sweet Home,* | 6 25 |
| Waccamaw, | 8 55 |
| Western Prong,* | 16 25 |
| White Marsh, | 19 25 |
| Whiteville, | |
| Seven Cr'ks Female Mis. Soc., | 4 50 |
| Mount Tabor " " " | 5 75 |
| Cedar Grove " " " | 3 00 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | |
| Hickory Grove,* | 30 00 |
| Abbottsburg, | 26 00 |
| French's Creek, | 7 50 |
| Paradise, | 9 50 |
| Mount Pleasant, | 18 85 |
| Shady Grove,* | 30 75 |
| White Lake, | 22 00 |
| Hester's M. H., | |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | |
| Antioch,* | 13 00 |
| Beulah, | 31 00 |
| Bethel,* | 60 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | 2 00 |
| Cheerful Hope,* | 30 00 |
| Green Swamp Union,* | 10 00 |
| Livingston Chapel, | 30 05 |
| Mill Creek, | 18 75 |
| Mount Pisgah, | 31 90 |
| Monk's Branch Station, | 18 00 |
| Myrtle Branch Station,* | 5 00 |
| New Britain,* | 17 50 |
| Shallotte, | 16 90 |
| Silent Grove, | 46 50 |
| Shiloh,* | 21 00 |
| Smithville Station,* | 50 00 |
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | |
| Masonboro', | 12 50 |
| MARION COUNTY, S. C. | |
| Bear Swamp,* | 17 15 |
| Hays' Swamp, | 7 75 |
| Piney Grove, | 17 30 |
| HORRY COUNTY, S. C. | |
| Antioch,* | 4 00 |
| Bethlehem,* | 36 00 |
| Buck Creek, | 8 75 |
| Bug Swamp, | 12 00 |
| Cedar Creek,* | 43 50 |
| Conwayboro', | 74 50 |
| Honey Camp,* | 30 50 |
| Mount Olive,* | 3 00 |
| Oak Grove,* | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Meadow, | 12 50 |
| Salem, | 9 50 |
| Socastee, | 16 50 |
| Spring Branch,* | 30 00 |
| Springfield,* | 21 25 |
| United Churches, | 25 25 |
| Little River,* | 30 25 |
| Pee Dee, | 24 75 |
| Union,* | 26 75 |
| Gallivant's Ferry Station,* | 7 05 |
| Pleasant View Station,* | 6 08 |
| J. J. Edwards, | 15 00 |
| Lloyd McCoy, Br., | 1 50 |
| Sale of Books, (Profits), | 27 76 |
| Collection on Old Claims, | 53 75 |
| " " Sabbath, | 55 22 |
| | $1,970 46 |

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* These churches have paid their pledges in full.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Colored. | Total. | Associational Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | A. R. Pittman, | 9 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 86 | 131 | 2 | 219 | $ 6 00 |
| Antioch, | P. C. Connelly, E. Wishart, Uriah Pittman, | | | | | | | | | | 256 | 4 20 |
| Big Branch, | John F. Ward, J. P. Barnes, | 36 | 1 | 17 | | 9 | 2 | | | | 288 | 4 00 |
| Back Swamp, | William Townsend, Alfred Townsend, | 26 | 3 | 4 | | 3 | 1 | 61 | 118 | 86 | 265 | 4 50 |
| Hog Swamp, | L. T. Britt, | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 39 | 62 | 2 | 103 | 3 00 |
| Lumberton, | W. S. McDiarmid, S. E. Ward, J. K. Baldwin, | 11 | 13 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 40 | 72 | 6 | 118 | 4 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | W. A. Stone, Samuel Stone, Alva Lawson, | 13 | | 7 | 4 | 6 | 1 | | | | 127 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | | | 62 | |
| Raft Swamp, | J. R. Hilliard, John Prevatt, L. E. Tyner, | 3 | 2 | 3 | | | 1 | 29 | 38 | 2 | 69 | 1 50 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Hill, | A. Waters, | | | | | | | 10 | 16 | | 26 | 1 00 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam, | William Ward, | 1 | | | | 8 | | | | | 14 | 2 00 |
| Cedar Grove, | H. F. Gowan, Lewis Bluckwell, | 5 | | 1 | 2 | 6 | | 41 | 54 | 6 | 101 | 3 00 |
| Cherry Grove, | James H. Tart, | 37 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 44 | 54 | 10 | 108 | 4 00 |
| Cross Roads, | H. Lennon, J. E. Lennon, John Ellis, | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | | | 21 | 253 | 7 70 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | Simeon Simmons, | | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | | | 89 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | W. W. Brown, N. L. Williamson, J. W. Gore, | 22 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 76 | 94 | 30 | 200 | 3 05 |
| Mount Moriah, | J. P. Pearce, J. W. Council, | | | | | 1 | | | | | 17 | 1 50 |
| Mount Sinai, | E. H. Todd, Jack Rowell, | | | | 19 | 1 | | 21 | 28 | | 49 | 1 60 |
| Mount Tabor, | F. F. Fowler, | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 55 | 77 | | 132 | 4 00 |
| Mount Zion, | D. J. Ray, O. Lennon, E. Creech, | | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 38 | 52 | | 90 | 3 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | W. S. Frink, U. F. Boswell, W. T. Frink, | 9 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 46 | 91 | | 137 | 3 40 |
| Pleasant Plain, | G. W. Hill, C. C. Gore, J. W. Harralson, | 24 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 80 | 154 | 42 | 276 | 4 00 |
| Porter Swamp, | J. C. Carroll, C. J. Godwin, | 1 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 2 | | 35 | 82 | 38 | 155 | 2 50 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Piney Forest, | D. N. Gore, A. F. Powell, J. T. Williamson, | 2 | 13 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 30 | 40 | 1 | 71 | 2 50 |
| Sandy Plains, | D. J. Ray, | 1 | ... | ... | 4 | 4 | 1 | ... | ... | .. | 49 | 1 75 |
| Seven Creeks, | J. Sowles, | 3 | 1 | ... | 12 | 3 | ... | 49 | 66 | 16 | 131 | 4 00 |
| Sweet Home, | W. H. Coleman, | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 39 | 1 75 |
| Western Prong, | Richard Wooten, J. C. Powell, B. Brown, | 2 | 7 | .. | ... | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 118 | 3 00 |
| White Marsh, | Thomas Barefoot, M. Powell, Elias Creech, | 9 | 4 | ... | ... | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 120 | 4 00 |
| Whiteville, | G. Pridgen, John Meares, W. A. Memory, | 8 | ... | ... | 3 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 12 | 39 | 2 20 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hickory Grove, | R. M. Sessoms, Noah Mercer, E. Johnson, | 6 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 9 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 192 | 4 00 |
| Abbottsburg, | Church Excluded, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| French's Creek, | H. H. Pridgen, | 1 | 3 | ... | 2 | 3 | 1 | 46 | 63 | ... | 109 | 1 50 |
| Paradise, | B. J. Daniel, | ... | 1 | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 55 | 1 50 |
| Mount Pleasant, | J. M. Register, | 10 | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 76 | 2 50 |
| Shady Grove, | J. H. Thompson, S. B. Thompson, R. L. Mason, | 8 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 14 | ... | 34 | 63 | 9 | 106 | 3 50 |
| White Lake, | J. G. Sutton, | 2 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 72 | ... | 122 | 3 00 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | R. W. Woodside, | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 1 50 |
| Beulah, | No Delegates, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 00 |
| Bethel, | S. W. Wescott, J. L. Wescott, | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 | 30 | ... | 52 | 1 50 |
| Bryan's Chapel, | Samuel Jordan, | 11 | ... | ... | 32 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41 | 1 95 |
| Cheerful Hope, | J. W. Smith, James E. Huffham, | .. | 8 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 20 | 51 | 2 | 73 | 2 00 |
| Green Swamp Union, | J. H. Little, | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 16 | 22 | ... | 38 | 1 00 |
| Livingston Chapel, | J. P. Lennon, N. M. Bordeaux, | 6 | 20 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | .. | ... | ... | 112 | 3 10 |
| Mill Creek, | Not Represented, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 78 | ... |
| Mount Pisgah, | S. Sellers, R. W. Holden, J. Stanaland, | 4 | ... | ... | 57 | 12 | 1 | 34 | 81 | 15 | 130 | 4 15 |
| New Britain, | D. B. McKethan, | 1 | ... | ... | 7 | 4 | ... | 22 | 50 | ... | 72 | 2 00 |
| Shallotte, | R. J. Long, E. Meares, Samuel Frink, | 1 | 2 | ... | 11 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 11 | 139 | 5 00 |
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masonboro', | Not Represented, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 95 | 3 00 |
| MARION COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | J. M. Conoly, J. N. Page, | 3 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 77 | 165 | 1 | 243 | 4 00 |
| Hays' Swamp, | D. B. Ayers, S. J. Ayers, | 14 | 4 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 21 | 22 | 12 | 45 | 1 50 |
| Piney Grove, | E. L. Rogers, | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | ... | 3 | 91 | 97 | 11 | 199 | 4 00 |

## STATISTICAL TABLE.—(CONTINUED.)

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Bap. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restor'd | Dismis'd | Exclud'd | Died. | Males. | Females. | Colored. | Total. | Educational Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HORRY COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | | | 89 | |
| Buck Creek, | S. C. Hardy, | 4 | 1 | | | 3 | 1 | | | | 50 | 1 50 |
| Bug Swamp, | No Delegates, | 8 | 3 | | | 2 | 2 | 20 | 38 | | 58 | 1 50 |
| Cedar Creek, | Daniel Hammond | 9 | 3 | | | | | 18 | 30 | | 48 | 1 00 |
| Conwayboro', | John A. Mayo, W. H. Alford, | | | | | 2 | 3 | | | 13 | 52 | 3 10 |
| Honey Camp, | F. P. Grainger, J. W. Tyler, | | 13 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 64 | 59 | | 123 | 3 00 |
| Mount Olive, | A. G. Tyler, J. M. Williams, L. Phillips, | 1 | | | | 2 | | 15 | 21 | | 36 | 1 50 |
| Oak Grove, | A. W. Carter, | 11 | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | 58 | 1 50 |
| Pleasant Meadow, | H. M. Anderson, | 6 | | 1 | 1 | | | 29 | 76 | 5 | 110 | 2 00 |
| Salem, | Not Represented, | | | | | | | | | | 63 | |
| Socastee, | William J. Hewett, J. J. Owens, | 11 | 1 | 4 | | | 1 | | | | 36 | 2 50 |
| Spring Branch, | Levi Grainger, C. Bullock, C. Worley, | 12 | | | 2 | 3 | 6 | 48 | 87 | | 128 | 3 00 |
| Springfield, | R. D. Best, T. J. Stanaland, | 11 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 51 | | 74 | 1 50 |
| Little River, | D. K. Bennett, | 3 | 8 | | | | | | | | 25 | 1 50 |
| United Churches, | T. R. Stevens, | 1 | 6 | | 10 | 2 | | 35 | 62 | | 97 | 2 00 |
| NEWLY CONSTITUTED. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union, Horry, S. C., | Isaac N. Roberts, Z. Shelly, | 11 | 7 | | | | | 1 | | | 52 | 1 00 |
| *Little Pee Dee, do., | W. D. Martin, W. A. Spivey, | 7 | 3 | | | | | 19 | 52 | 1 | 72 | 1 50 |
| Shiloh, Brunsw'k, N.C. | A. A. Edwards, J. J. Flowers, | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | 15 | 1 50 |
| Hester's, Bladen, " | Joseph Hester, Sr., J. W. Hester, W. B. Hester, | 14 | 13 | | | | | 11 | 16 | | 27 | 1 50 |
| Silent Grove, Bruns'k, | Charles D. Robinson, Jesse Lancaster, | 4 | 23 | | | | 2 | 14 | 17 | | 31 | 3 00 |
| Fleming'n, Columbus, | J. W. Dickson, W. H. Mitchell, | 2 | 11 | | | | | | | | 13 | 1 00 |
| Ten Mile, Robeson, NC | Abel Mussulwhite, | 3 | 6 | | | | | | | | 9 | 1 45 |
| | | 435 | 244 | 70 | 291 | 199 | 53 | 1510 | 2454 | 246 | 6981 | $180 40 |

This Church was received from Welsh Neck Association. Total—increase of membership, 593.

# DISBURSEMENTS

*By* HAYNES LENNON, *Agent.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid D. K. Bennett, old debt in full, | $89 50 |
| present year's service, | 96 00 |
| Paid John P. Lennon, old debt in full, | 164 00 |
| present year's service, | 71 00 |
| Paid Haynes Lennon, old debt in full, | 246 00 |
| present year's service, | 393 00 |
| Paid Dr. J. D. Ellwell, old debt, cash, | 168 52 |
| (vouchers, $37.15 to close.) | |
| Paid H. H. Holmes, present year, | 62 50 |
| " R. J. Long, " " | 36 00 |
| " A. A. Edwards, " " | 60 00 |
| " James H. Tart, " " | 25 00 |
| " P. C. Connelly, " " | 168 00 |
| " W. S. McDiadmid, " " | 237 50 |
| " Joshua Sowles, " " | 4 50 |
| " G. W. Hill, " " | 4 50 |
| " A. R. Pittman, " " | 21 00 |
| " D. J. Ray, " " | 16 50 |
| " J. M. Register, " " | 7 50 |
| " J. W. Dickson, " " | 16 50 |
| " D. N. Gore, " " | 18 00 |
| " J. W. Gore, " " | 12 00 |
| " T. B. Newbeury, " " | 25 00 |
| | $1,942 52 |

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your Committee have examined the vouchers and accounts of Eli Wishart, Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions for the year of 1871 and 1872, and find a balance of twenty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents, remaining in his hands, this October 31st, 1872.

HAYNES LENNON.

# LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS

## OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD OF THE CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

Orran Lennon,
J. G. Sutton,
J. A. Sutton,
D. H. Marshburn,
P. Munroe,
Joseph Stanaland,
Caswell Porter,
J. W. King,
J. F. Grantham,
Coleman Worley,
Neill Townsend,
T. S. Memory,
L. F. Nance,
J. D. Clarke,
Orran Monroe,
Levi Granger,
F. Lennon,
J. L. Inman,
Berry Godwin,
H. Lennon,
R. M. McRakan,
J. P. Lennon,
W. H. Hamilton,
R. J. Long,
Moses Hewett,
J. W. Gore,
D. N. Gore,
J. F. Ward,
A. M. Gore,
R. P. Lennon,
G. W. Hill,
A. R. Pittman,
T. B. Newbeury,
J. L. Nance,
D. J. Ray,
J. I. Williamson,
Samuel Stone,
William A. Stone,
R. L. Mason,
J. M. Register,
John Smith,
Daniel R. Wells,
E. S. Ayres,
R. H. Rogers,
J. M. McGoogan,
W. E. Gore.

The following new members were added at this meeting of the Board:

Isaac Hardy,
Jesse Lancaster,
Charles Bullock,
Ewen Johnson,
Daniel Stanaland,
Solomon W. Wescott,
John L. Wescott,
J. B. Ellis,
S. W. Hilbron,
R. W. Holden,
J. H. A. Inman,
James Prevatt,
F. D. Price,
W. S. McDiarmid,
Wright Lennon,
Elijah Creech,
G. W. Jones,
J. H. Thompson,
Eli McDaniel,
Luke I. Yates,
D. K. Bennett.

## [SUPPLEMENT.]

LUMBERTON, N. C., November 23d, 1872.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Domestic Mission Board of the Cape Fear Association held this day, it was agreed that the funds contributed by the churches and collected by the agents of the Board during the current associational year be appropriated as follows: Seventy-five per cent. Associational Missions, ten per cent. to State Missions, ten per cent. to Foreign Missions, and five per cent. to the Cause of Education.

It was further agreed that Elder H. Lennon, Superintendent of Missions and Financial Agent of the Board, be authorized and empowered to engage the services of Elder S. W. Wescott to labor within the bounds of the Association as Missionary and Colporteur, provided a satisfactory arrangement to that effect can be made.

A. R. PITTMAN, President.

W. S. MCDIARMID, Secretary.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# SIXTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

# Cape Fear Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

## Big Branch, Robeson County, N. C.,

## OCTOBER 23d--27th, 1873.

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**Rev. HAYNES LENNON, Moderator, Bladenboro', N. C.**
**Rev. D. K. BENNETT, Clerk, Little River, S. C.**
**S. E. WARD, Treasurer, Lumberton, N. C.**

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1874.

# List of Ministers with their Post Offices.

| NAME. | POST OFFICE. | COUNTY. | STATE. |
|---|---|---|---|
| D. B. Ayres, | Red Banks, | Robeson, | North Carolina. |
| J. B. Barlow, | Wilmington, | New Hanover, | " " |
| Joel Bennett, | Shallote, | Brunswick, | " " |
| D. K. Bennett, | Little River, | Horry, | South Carolina. |
| Daniel Boyd, | Conwayboro' | Horry, | " " |
| S. D. Collins, | Lumberton, | Robeson, | North Carolina. |
| P. C. Connelly, | Shoe Heel, | " | " " |
| J. W. Dickson, | Flemington, | Columbus, | " " |
| A. A. Edwards, | Easy Hill, | Brunswick, | " " |
| J. W. Gore, | Whiteville, | Columbus, | " " |
| D. N. Gore, | " | " | " " |
| John Harrelson, | " | " | " " |
| G. W. Hill, | " | " | " " |
| H. H. Holmes, | Conwayboro' | Horry, | South Carolina. |
| Haynes Lennon, | Bladenboro,' | Bladen, | North Carolina. |
| J. P. Lennon, | Robeson's, | Brunswick, | " " |
| R. J. Long, | Shallotte, | " | " " |
| M. R. Martin, | Conwayboro.' | Horry, | South Carolina. |
| Norman Martin, | Red Banks, | Robeson., | North Carolina. |
| W. D. Martin, | Conwayboro.' | Horry, | South Carolina. |
| Noah Mercer, | Lumberton, | Robeson, | North Carolina. |
| Nathan Milliken, | Shallotte, | Brunswick, | " " |
| A. R. Pittman, | Lumberton, | Robeson, | " " |
| D. J. Ray, | Whiteville, | Columbus, | " " |
| J. M. Register, | White Hall, | Bladen, | " " |
| R. M. Sessoms, | Lumberton, | Robeson, | " " |
| Joshua Soles | Piraway, | Columbus, | " " |
| J. H. Tart, | Fair Bluff, | " | " " |
| J. R. Thompson, | Conwayboro', | Horry, | South Carolina. |
| S. W Wescott, | Newbern, | Craven, | North Carolina. |

# PROCEEDINGS.

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THURSDAY, October 23, 10½ A. M.

Elder W. S. McDairmid, the Clerk of this Association, as appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon at this session, having died during the past year, Elder D. K. Bennett read a portion of Acts x. Hymn, "Thy goodness, Lord, our souls confess." Prayer by Elder D. K. Bennett. Hymn, "Salvation! O, the joyful sound!"

The Introductory Sermon was then preached by Elder D. K. Bennett, from Acts x:33, "Now therefore, are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God;" after which Elder J. W. Gore led in prayer.

An intermission of twenty minutes was given. Benediction by Elder H. Lennon.

Delegates assembled in the house, Elder D. K. Bennett, by request, acting as Clerk *pro tem.*, called the list of churches. A quorum being present, the Moderator read a portion of Luke xxiv. Hymn, "All hail the power," &c. Prayer by Elder G. W. Hill.

Appointed Elder G. W. Hill and brethren G. W. Jones, and F. Lennon a Committee of Finance.

On motion, the Church Letters were called for and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Elder Haynes Lennon was then unanimously re-elected Moderator; Elder D. K. Bennett elected Clerk, and Brother S. E. Ward re-elected Treasurer of the Association.

Elders A. R. Pittman and J. W. Dickson were appointed Assistant Clerks.

An invitation was extended to visiting ministers and corresponding messengers, when Elders E. D. Johnson, from Cedar

Creek Association, and F. H. Ivey, from Wake Forest College, came forward, and were welcomed to seats.

Adjourned to 10 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder F. H. Ivey.

FRIDAY, October 24, 10 A. M.

Elder G. W. Hill read John xv. Hymn, "O help us, Lord; each hour of need."

Prayer by Elder A. R. Pittman.

The Moderator then in a few appropriate remarks alluded to the removal by death, from our midst, of Elder W. S. McDairmid, and others; when, that these visitations of Providence might be sanctified to the good of the living, Elder D. J. Ray, by request, led in prayer.

On motion, the following were appointed a committee to supply the stand: J. F. Ward, Moses Warwick; Giles Williams, Neil Townsend and W. W. Brown, Sr.

On motion, an invitation was extended to churches desiring to unite with this Association, when petitions were presented from the following: *Lebanon*, Brunswick Co., N. C.; *Sandy Grove*, Bladen Co., N. C.; *Macedonia*, Horry Co., S. C., which were, after enquiry into their orthodoxy, unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship extended to their delegates.

On motion, the invitation to corresponding messengers was renewed, when Bro. L. Humphrey came forward with a letter from Cedar Creek Association.

The letter was read and the bearer welcomed to a seat.

The following Committees were then announced by the Moderator:

ON EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR ORDINATION.—Elders D. K. Bennett, A. R. Pittman, D. N. Gore, F. H. Ivey and D. J. Ray.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.—Elders J. W. Dickson and J. W. Gore.

ON EDUCATION.—Elder F. H. Ivey and Bro. S. R. Chinnis.

TO SELECT CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.—Brethren D. C. McMillan, S. E. Ward, and Joseph Stansland.

ON SPECIAL CHANGES.—Elders D. K. Bennett and A. R. Pittman.

ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.—Elders A. R. Pittman, D. N. Gore and Bro. I. M. Powell.

ON PERIODICALS.—Elder G. W. Hill, and Brethren D. C. McMillan and E W. Wooten.

ON MISSIONS.—Elders D. K. Bennett, A. R. Pittman, and Bro. F. Lennon.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to prepare and append to these minutes a digest of the state of religion, as indicated by the Church Letters.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Back Swamp, Robeson County, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1874, at 11 A. M.; Elder J. W. Dickson to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder D. J. Ray, alternate; Elder D. N. Gore to preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder P. C. Connelly, alternate.

The following query, "*Should we, as a Baptist denomination, invite Pedobaptists to aid us in our religious exercises?*" was sent up from the church at Back Swamp, which, after eliciting considerable debate, was indefinitely postponed.

Intermission of 30 minutes. Prayer by Elder G. W. Hill.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder P. C. Connelly.

A petition was received from the church at Abbottsburg, asking for restoration to this body, when, after due enquiry into her present religious status, the church was unanimously restored to her former standing in this Association.

The following query, "*Is it a violation of Baptist usage, and the Holy Scriptures, to allow a minor to sell spirituous liquors under the father's immediate supervision, or to allow it sold in the father's house or place of business?*" was sent up from the church in Lumberton, debated and answered in the affirmative.

*Resolved*, That 3,000 copies of these minutes be printed, and distributed *pro ruta* among the Churches.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be paid $30 for his services.

Adjourned to 10 A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder E. D. Johnson.

SATURDAY, October 25, 10 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Elder J. W. Dickson.

Minutes of Thursday and Friday read and corrected.

Invitation to correspondents and visiting brethren renewed, and Elder A. F. Redd, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, came forward and was welcomed to a seat.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Colportage called for, when, after appropriate remarks by Elders Dickson, Ivey, Redd, D. N. Gore, J. W. Gore and others, the report was received and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

Report on Periodicals called for, remarks on the same by Elders Ivey, Tart and Redd. Report received and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

Report on Baptist State Convention called for. Report received and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

Report on Missions called for. Report received and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

Report on Ministerial Examination called for. Report received and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ A. M. on Monday next. Prayer by Elder G. W. Hill.

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SUNDAY MORNING, Oct. 26.

The weather was favorable and an immense concourse of people were in attendance.

Elder F. H. Ivey opened the services with a discourse founded on II Cor. v:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us;" at the conclusion of which Elder D. N. Gore led in prayer.

Elder A. R. Pittman followed with a discourse founded on Phil. iii:8, "I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord;" at the conclusion of which a collection was taken up for Home Missions.

Elder A. F. Redd concluded the services of the day by a discourse from Matt. vii:21-23, after which Elder G. W. Hill led in prayer.

Thus ended the day's services; both preachers and people seeming to be edified and encouraged.

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MONDAY MORNING, October 27, 9½ A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the chair. Hymn, "Come let us lift our joyful eyes." Prayer by Bro. McMillan.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed, when Elder F. Prevatt came forward, from the Cedar Creek Association, and accepted a seat.

Committee on Education called on to report. Extended and appropriate remarks on the subject by Elder Ivey. Report received and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

Report of Committee to Select Correspondents to other Associations called for. Report received and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

Report of Committee on Finance called for. Report received and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Sabbath Collection be applied to the purposes of the Domestic Mission Board.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the balance that may remain in the hands of the Treasurer of this Association, after paying the orders of the Association, be applied to the purposes of the Domestic Missionary Board.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clerk collect, and have bound, a file of the minutes of this Association from 1847 to the present time.

Appointed Elders D. K. Bennett, G. W. Hill and P. C. Connelly to visit Antioch Church, Horry Co., S. C, and endeavor to resuscitate it.

Appointed Elders H. Lennon and G. W. Hill to visit Beaver Dam Church, Columbus Co., N. C., and endeavor to strengthen and encourage them.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

Association re-assembled.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Association be and they are hereby tendered to members of Big Branch Church, and citizens of the community, for their hospitable and liberal support of this body during this session.

On motion, it was

*Resolved,* That all unfinished business be referred to the officers of the Association.

Appropriate concluding remarks by the Moderator.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next session.

The brethren then engaged in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer by the Moderator.

HAYNES LENNON,
D. K. BENNETT, *Clerk.* MODERATOR.

# APPENDIX.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

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|---|---|
| Amount sent up by churches as Association Fund, | $ 168 06 |
| From Sabbath School at Masonboro', for Yates' Mission, | 5 00 |
| From Misses Nellie Hilburn and G. Wilson, for Rome Missions, | 80 |
| Sabbath Collection, | 25 16 |
| Total, | $199 02 |

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. HILL, Ch'm'n.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR ORDINATION.

Your Committee have examined brethren D. C. McMillan and L. W. Hilburn. We would recommend Bro. McMillan to ordination. But while we are pleased with Bro. Hilburn's examination, exhibiting his devotion, and consecration to the work of winning souls to Christ, we think it would be best for him to labor in his present capacity, until a wider field and more urgent demand calls for his ordination. Respectfully submitted,

D. K. BENNETT,
A. R. PITTMAN,
F. H. IVEY,
D. J. RAY,
D. N. GORE.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools and Colportage, would recommend an earnest and vigorous prosecution of the work by our Pastors and Churches, until a flourishing Sabbath School shall be established in every church and locality within our Association; and in order to consummate the desired end, we would recommend the organization of District Sabbath School Institutes, subordinate to the Sunday School Convention of our Association.

For the furtherance of this enterprise, and the dissemination of religious literature, and the doctrines we hold sacred, we would recommend that our General Agent either act in or superintend a well organized system of Colportage. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DICKSON, Ch'm'n.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The subject of Education is now attracting much attention, but not more than its importance demands. The value of a good education can scarcely be over-estimated. The educated class is the controlling class in society; and we shall make progress in all the elements of power for good, just in proportion as we encourage and support education. Only by going on earnestly, with the good wark so well begun, shall we be able to exert that influence which, as a denomination of such large numbers, we ought to exert. Let us hope and labor for the time when all our people will educate their children. And as the masses of the people advance, their spiritual guides must be better prepared to instruct them The general diffusion of knowledge, the increasing number of educated hearers, and the growing intelligence of the community, all demand that those who minister in holy things shall receive thorough training for their work. In an age like this, an educated ministry becomes more and more a *necessity*. Isms flood the land; and we must have well posted men to meet them, to defend our faith and practice, and to present the truth clearly and in its purity. The enemies of the gospel are waging war against its great soul-saving doctrines. Infidelity was never more active. Men of learning assail christianity at every point; and we must have strong men to expose the wiles of these foes of the cross, and to uphold the system of divine revelation. Roman Catholicism must be unmasked, and our people enlightened against its snares. Everywhere the demand for educated preachers is most urgent. To meet this demand our College is doing what it can. There are now 12 or 15 beneficiaries at Wake Forest College. Their progress is satisfactory. The Board of Education desire to increase this number as they may be able. It is hoped that by means of an endowment the College may be able to do much more in this great work than ever before.

We are now engaged in raising this endowment. It will place our College on a lasting foundation, give it larger means of usefulness, and promote general and ministerial education among us. Your Committee, therefore, beg leave to recommend,

1. Greater attention to the general subject of education.
2. Liberal aid to our indigent young brethren who are preparing for the ministry.
3 Large contributions to the endowment fund of Wake Forest College.
4 Faith in God, and earnest prayer, with our alms, for his blessing upon all our labors in His vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. IVEY.
S. R. CHINNIS,
Committee.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO SELECT CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Your Committee to select Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations beg leave to report the following :

To Cedar Creek Association. –Elder H. Lennon and Brethren G. H. Todd and S. E. Ward.

To Pee Dee Association.—Elders A. R. Pittman and P. C. Connelly, and Brother T. W. Ayres.

To Welsh Neck Association.—Elder D. B. Ayres, and Brethren D. C. McMillan and J. B. Williamson.

To Eastern Association.—Elders J. P. Lennon, A. A. Edwards, J. B. Barlow and Brother S. R. Chinnis.

The first name to write the letter in each case.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

We deem the objects of the Baptist State Convention commendable to our denomination in the highest degree, and regard the same as justly claiming our co-operation in the fullest sense. Her Board of Education, of State Missions and of Foreign Missions, the work she is doing for the dissemination of light, and the promulgation of the glorious gospel, we regard as *our* work; the means by which, (as humble instruments in the hands of God), we hope to build up the Kingdom of our blessed Redeemer, and evangelize the world. Therefore, we would recommend the Cape Fear Baptist Association to a full co operation with the Convention, in her noble efforts to build up our beloved Zion upon the pillar and ground of the truth.

Respectfully submitted,
A. R. PITTMAN,
I. M. POWELL,
Committee.

## REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Divine command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is obligatory upon every christian; and since the word makes no distinction between our own and other countries, it follows that we should know well ourselves, and understand our own strong points, that we may address ourselves to the work most effectually. Much has been done in the cause of Missions, and much remains to be done; even in our own christian land, many are languishing for the word of life.

We, as Associations and churches, should regard these as our children in a starving condition, and at once endeavor to supply the necessary relief. But while thousands are thus in want at home, millions are indeed perishing in other lands. They are our brethren and sisters, and are entitled to our sympathy and effort; and since we are fully advised of these facts, God will not hold us guiltless if we neglect to apply the means with which He has blessed us for the amelioration of the condition of those, both home and abroad, who are thus starving for the bread of life.

Then let each member of this Association go, with renewed energy and zeal, about the work of Missions during next year, praying that the Founder of Missions may make us the instruments in His hands for the salvation of souls and the glory of his name.

Respectfully submitted,
D. K. BENNETT,
A. R PITTMAN,
Committee.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The necessity and utility of the diffusion of knowledge, through the agency of Periodicals, is so apparent to every intelligent and reflecting mind, and the subject having been so often discussed and written upon, that it would seem almost superfluous for your Committee to say anything further upon the subject. Men of cultivated minds consider them indispensable.

The physician, the man of science, the merchant, and the enlightened and successful farmer, consider them an actual necessity. How could the politician maintain his position and popularity without the current news of the day, or the lawyer dispense with his digests and reports?

While these vehicles of information are so essential in a secular point of view they lose none of their intrinsic value and importance on the subjects of morality and religion. They bring to our firesides productions of the most learned and pious men of the day in all their variety of talent; sermons and essays upon religious subjects, calculated to edify the christian, and make him more intelligent and pious; a powerful auxiliary to the pulpit; as an educator they have a salutary and powerful influence. The families where religious periodicals are read, other things being equal, will always rise above all others in point of piety, christian intelligence and usefulness.

We would most respectfully urge the patronage of the *Biblical Recorder* upon the consideration of every member of the Cape Fear Association; it is the admitted organ of the denomination in the State, edited with ability, and enriched by contributions from the most gifted and talented ministers and laymen in the land, and at the same time decidedly cheap.

We recommend *Kind Words* as a Sabbath School paper, and also *The Religious Herald*, *Tennessee Baptist*, and *Home and Foreign Journal* as excellent, papers to all who can take more than their own State paper, and worthy the patronage of every Southern Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HILL, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

> "Time flies; and from his gloomy wings
> A shadow falls on living things."

Continued change is the consequence of this transitory state.

Elder W. S. McDairmid, the Clerk of this Association, and one of our most promising ministers, has been called to his reward. It would be needless, we think, to rehearse in this place the melancholy circumstances attending his death, which are already known to the public. The thoughtful mein, and tear-dim'd eye of his brethren is a more appropriate and effectual eulogy than your committee could here present.

Brother Daniel Stanaland, one of the Deacons of Beulah Church, is also gone, after living to the extreme age of upwards of eighty years. For more than thirty years his bright example had taught his people what constitutes a christian.

But while we record these afflicting changes, there are others of a different nature which we rejoice to be able to report. Many churches which formerly only sent up murmurs of dissatisfaction, on account of the means which you were using for the dissemination of Zion's glorious light, now unite heart, hand and purse with us in winning souls to Christ; and many who were open opponents of an educated ministry, are now liberal contributors to the endowment fund of Wake Forest College and the support of our beneficiaries.

Upon the whole, in the dispensations of Providence at this time; we realize the truth of that Divine declaration, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Respectfully submitted.

D. K. BENNETT, Ch'm'n.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Received by letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Colored. | Total. | Association Fund. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashpole, | *A. R. Pittman*, *S. D. Collins*, K. Atkinson, | 19 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 90 | 140 | | 230 | $ 5 00 |
| Antioch, | *P. C. Connelly*, C. Flowers, E. Wishart, | | 7 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 78 | 170 | 2 | 250 | 5 00 |
| Big Branch, | M. Warwick, J. Flowers, M. A. Stephens, | 2 | | 4 | 5 | 11 | 1 | | | 2 | 245 | 4 00 |
| Back Swamp, | N. Townsend, J. D. Clark, S. Wiggins,* | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | | 89 | 167 | | 256 | 4 00 |
| Hog Swamp, | L. T. Britt, A. G. Lewis, J. C. Freeman, | 9 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | 33 | 66 | 2 | 99 | 3 00 |
| Lumberton, | Dr. W. Williams, J. S. Thompson, J. S. McNeill, | 4 | 7 | | 5 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 76 | 2 | 117 | 4 00 |
| Mount Eliam, | E. Stone, A. Britt, S. Britt, | | | | 4 | 16 | 2 | 52 | 66 | 2 | 120 | 2 50 |
| Pleasant Grove, | A. C. Miller, N. F. McCormic, W. O. Lee,* | | 3 | | | 5 | | | | | 82 | 1 50 |
| Raft Swamp, | T. Purnell, A. Moore,* D. C. Low,* | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 25 | 42 | | 67 | 1 50 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | B. Leggett, R. Rozier, F. Roberts, | 17 | | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 45 | | 76 | 1 50 |
| Spring Hill, | G. Williams, Z. Ivey, R. R. Barnes | | | | | | | 10 | 16 | | 26 | 1 20 |
| Ten Mile Swamp, | R. A. Rozier, D. Harrell, T. J. Riddle, | | 13 | | | | | | | | 22 | 1 70 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaverdam, | No delegates, (1872,) | | | | | | | | | | 139 | 1 00 |
| Cedar Grove, | J. Tyler, M. Watts,* J. Johnson,* | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | 5 | 87 | 2 10 |
| Cherry Grove, | *J. H. Tart*, E. Coleman,* W. H. Strickland, | 7 | | | 2 | 6 | 1 | 45 | 59 | | 104 | 3 00 |
| Cross Roads, | *H. Lennon*, F. Lennon, G. W. Jones, | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 151 | 20 | 250 | 6 56 |
| Flemington, | *J. W. Dickson*, H. Mitchell,* W. H. Mitchell,* | | | | 2 | | | | | | 12 | 1 00 |
| Iron Hill X Roads, | A. M. Gore, J. M. Jolly,* I. M. White,* | | 5 | | 1 | 4 | | 28 | 55 | 6 | 89 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | N. L. Williamson, sr.,* W. W. Brown, sr., D. F. Edmund, | | | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 71 | 90 | 27 | 188 | 2 35 |
| Mount Moriah, | S. H. Pierce,* J. P. Pierce,* D. M. Formy Duval,* | | 2 | | | | | | | | 19 | 1 00 |
| Mount Sinai, | E. H. Todd, H. Hinson, J. Granger,* | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 49 | 1 50 |
| Mount Tabor, | *J. Harrelson*,* F. H. Fowler, I. Hewett,* | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 16 | | | | | 120 | 3 15 |
| Mount Zion, | *D. J. Ray*, O. Lennon,* C. Baldwin,* | | 2 | | 2 | 3 | | | | | 88 | 2 65 |
| Pleasant Hill, | *J. W. Gore*, *D. N. Gore*, S. E. Hughes,* | 9 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 1 | | | | 149 | 3 00 |

# STATISSICAL TABLE.—*Continued.*

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pleasant Plain,...... | *G. W. Hill*, J. W. Harrelson, C. Sasser,............... | 3 | .... | 3 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 57 | 122 | 32 | 213 | 4 00 |
| Porter Swamp,...... | J. Q. Smith, A. Noble, C. J. Godwin................ | 27 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | .... | .... | ... | 112 | 3 00 |
| Piney Forest,...... | L. I. Yates, W. C. Powell, I. M. Powell,.............. | 21 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 29 | 56 | 1 | 86 | 2 00 |
| Seven Creeks,....... | J. Stephens, John Stephens,*........ ......... ...... | .... | 1 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 2 | 31 | 67 | 7 | 110 | 2 50 |
| Sweet Home,...... | B. Long,* J. H. Stanly,* J. Ward,*.................. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | 11 | 19 | 3 | 33 | 1 10 |
| Western Prong,..... | E. W. Wooten, L Jordan, B. Brown,................ | 2 | 5 | .. | .... | 2 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | 136 | 3 00 |
| White Marsh,....... | T. Barefoot,* G. W. Flynn,* H C. Creech,............. | .... | .... | .. | 2 | 5 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 112 | 2 50 |
| Whiteville,........ | J. W. Dyson,* T. Thompson, T. F. Toon,*......... .. | .... | 4 | .. | .... | 12 | 2 | 14 | 15 | .... | 29 | 3 00 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Abbottsburg,....... | B. F. Faircloth, J. Cashwell,* M. F. Carroll,*........... | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | 14 | 2 | .... | .... | 1 | 28 | 1 00 |
| Hester's,........... | W. T. Goodwin, J. W. Hester, M. R. Hester,.......... | 4 | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | 31 | 1 50 |
| Hickory Grove,..... | *R. M. Sessums*, N. Mercer, M. Pate,.................. | 17 | .... | 3 | 12 | 15 | .. | .... | .... | .... | 165 | 3 00 |
| French's Creek,..... | C. B. Pridgen, L. Pridgen, ........................ | .... | .... | .. | 7 | 2 | .. | 0 | 60 | .... | 100 | 2 00 |
| Mount Pleasant,.... | *J. M. Register*,* J. H. Watson,* D. T. Clark,* ......... | 4 | .... | .. | .... | 11 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 62 | 2 00 |
| Paradise, .......... | D. J. Daniel, W. R. Ward, M. J. Carroll,............... | 1 | .... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 18 | 33 | .... | 51 | 1 50 |
| Sandy Grove,....... | M. S. Dove, R. Edwards,* E. Singletary.............. | 36 | 10 | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | 46 | 1 50 |
| Shady Grove,....... | R. C. Thompson, S. B. Thompson, R. L. Mason,........ | .... | .... | .. | 14 | 11 | 2 | .... | .... | 3 | 85 | 3 00 |
| White Lake,........ | G. W. Thomas, J. R. Mulford, L. A. Tatom,*........... | .... | .... | .. | 6 | 2 | 1 | 42 | 66 | .... | 108 | 3 25 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch,........... | R. W. Woodside,* E. R. Lancaster,* M. Long,*......... | 3 | .... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 7 | .... | 16 | 1 50 |
| Bethel,............. | J. L. Wescott, J. Wescott, F. D. Price,*.............. | 3 | 1 | .. | .... | .... | 1 | 21 | 37 | .... | 58 | 1 50 |
| Beulah,........... | *D. K. Bennett*, T. Hickman, J. W. Tharp,..... ....... | .... | .... | .. | .... | 1 | 2 | 14 | 22 | .... | 36 | 2 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel,..... | S. R. Chinnis, E. J. Carter,* Z. E. Murrell,*.......... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | 17 | 24 | .... | 41 | 1 00 |
| Cheerful Hope,...... | J. W. Smith,* J. Woolard,* B. W. Dale,............... | .... | .... | .. | .... | 4 | .. | 17 | 51 | 1 | 69 | 2 00 |
| Green Swamp Union, | Not represented, (1872,)......... ................. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | 38 | |
| Lebanon,........... | I. W. Harrelson, Joseph Gore,* M. W. Reynolds,....... | 2 | 9 | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | 11 | 1 50 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Livingston Chapel, | J. A. Mints, L. W. Hilburn, R. P. Lennon,* | 3 | 8 | | 4 | | | 49 | 77 | | 126 | 2 00 |
| Mill Creek, | Thomas Robbins, | | | | 16 | 2 | 1 | | | | 5 | 2 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | L. Sellers, E. Sellers, A. B. Clemmons,* | | | | 16 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 75 | 3 | 108 | 1 00 |
| New Britain, | No delegates, (1872,) | | | | | | | | | | 72 | 75 |
| Shallotte, | Jesse Bennett,* A. T. Hewett, I. Milliken,* | 4 | | | | 6 | | 45 | 93 | | 138 | 5 00 |
| Shiloh, | J. Stanaland, *A. A. Edwards*, J. Flowers,* | 1 | 12 | | 4 | | | 9 | 16 | | 25 | 1 50 |
| Silent Grove, | R. W. Holden, Jesse Lancaster,* | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 14 | 19 | | 33 | 2 00 |
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masonboro', | *J. B. Barlow*, G. W. Hewlett, E. Hewlet, | 3 | | | 1 | | 1 | 42 | 62 | 3 | 107 | 3 00 |
| MARION COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp, | T. W. Ayres, E. Page, D. T. Page,* | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | | | 2 | 235 | 4 00 |
| Hays' Swamp, | *D. B. Ayres*, J. B. Williamson, D. C. McMillan, | 6 | 1 | | 6 | | 1 | 18 | 24 | 3 | 42 | 1 40 |
| Piney Grove, | E. L. Rogers, L. C. Hays, W. A. Anderson, | | | | | 1 | | | | | 198 | 3 00 |
| HORRY COUNTY. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch, | Not represented, (1869,) | | | | | | | | | | 34 | |
| Bethlehem, | W. A. Harris, E. Lee,* J. B. Hardee,* | 6 | | | | | | | | | 95 | 2 00 |
| Buck Creek, | D. M. Lee, L. M. V. Todd,* | | 1 | | | 1 | | 18 | 29 | | 47 | 1 50 |
| Bug Swamp, | *H. H. Holmes*,* J. F. Harris,* D. T. Cartwright, | 11 | | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 46 | | 66 | 2 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | C. H. McDaniel, D. B. Hammond, G. C. Small, | 9 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | 21 | 37 | | 58 | 1 50 |
| Conwayboro', | J. R. Long,* Wm. Alford,* J. H. Jollie.* | | 1 | | 3 | 2 | | 17 | 27 | 9 | 44 | 1 00 |
| Honey Camp, | E. W. Harrelson, W. Jernigan, J. H. Harrelson, | 4 | 6 | | | 2 | | 67 | 66 | | 133 | 3 60 |
| Little Pee Dee, | *W. D. Martin*, M. Martin, S. A. Brown | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 30 | 55 | 1 | 86 | 1 50 |
| Macedonia, | J. Causee, W. J. Hardee, W. A. Gause,* | 27 | 6 | | | | 1 | | | | 33 | 1 00 |
| Mount Olive, | S. G. Tyler, R. K. Jolly, | | 1 | | | 1 | | 18 | 21 | | 39 | 1 50 |
| Oak Grove, | Not represented, (1872,) | | | | | | | | | | 58 | |
| Pleasant Meadow, | J. R. Gerald,* R. M. Martin,* A. Martin,* | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | | 26 | 74 | 3 | 104 | 1 10 |
| Salem, | D. H. Jordan,* J. Baker,* | 10 | | 1 | 5 | 15 | | 20 | 38 | | 58 | 1 00 |
| Socastee, | J. J. Owens, J. J. Lang,* G. C. Brown, | 29 | 1 | | | 3 | 2 | | | | 60 | 2 50 |
| Spring Branch, | L. Granger, C. Worley, A. Hammond, | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 53 | 96 | | 149 | 2 95 |
| Springfield, | J. B. O. Gore, S. P. Hickman, T. J. Stanaland,* | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | 22 | 50 | | 72 | 2 00 |
| Little River, | No delegates, | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 1 00 |
| Union, | J. W. Kirton,* J. J. Hughes, I. N. Roberts, | 16 | | | | 1 | | | | | 67 | 2 00 |
| United Churches, | J. L. Reaves, T. R. Stephens, B. O. Todd | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 33 | 58 | | 91 | 2 00 |
| | Ministers' names in *italics*. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Those marked * were absent. | 358 | 159 | 53 | 204 | 283 | 70 | | | 141 | 7120 | 168 06 |

* The father of Rev D K Bennett
Died June 6th 1883.

# DIGEST

### OF THE

## STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

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*Ashpole.*—Loving and liberal, hence peaceful and prosperous. A. R. Pittman, Pastor.

*Antioch.*—"In peace and harmony." H. Lennon, Pastor.

*Big Branch.*—In peace. Eld. J. W. Gore Pastor the past year; have engaged Eld F. Prevatt, for the future.

*Back Swamp.*—In peace and prosperity.

*Hog Swamp.*—Expresses thankfulness for "peace and harmony.

*Lumberton.*—"At peace with one another."

*Mt. Elam.*—"In good order."

*Pleasant Grove.*—Living in love.

*Raft Swamp.*—"In peace."

*Zion's Tabernacle.*—"Peace and harmony."

*Spring Hill.*—"Striving to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." Elder J. W. Gore is Pastor.

*Ten Mile Swamp.*—"In peace and love."

*Cedar Grove.*—"In a cold condition."

*Cherry Grove.*—Hopeful. Elder J. H. Tart, Pastor.

*Cross Roads.*—"Peace and harmony, and a salutatory state of things prevails." Elder H. Lennon, Pastor.

*Flemington.*—"In rather a cold state; but nothing of a disorderly nature." Eld. J. W. Dickson, Pastor.

*Iron Hill X Roads.*—"In peace."

*Macedonia.*—Living and loving.

*Mount Moriah.*—"Enjoys peace and harmony." Eld. J. W. Dickson, Pastor.

*Mount Sinai.*—"In peace."

*Mount Tabor.*—"All in peace."

*Mount Zion*—"Laments spiritual coldness."

*Pleasant Hill.*—Prosperous. Elder D. N. Gore, Pastor.

*Pleasant Plains.*—"Nothing special." Elder G. W. Hill, Pastor.

*Porter Swamp.*—Says, "The Lord has blessed us; has revived His work in our midst." Elder D. J. Ray, Pastor.

*Piney Forest.*—Liberal and zealous, the consequence of which has been, of course, a gloriuos revival. Elder D. N. Gore, Pastor.

*Seven Creeks.*—Has had to apply discipline to accomplish that which doctrine had failed to do, the result is "peace." Elder J. Soles, Pastor.

*Sweet Home.*—"In peace."

*Western Prong.*—"Peace. one with another."

*White Marsh.*—"All well."

*Whiteville.*—"Peace and harmony."

*Abbottsburg.*—Has been severely tried; has "purged" herself by the application of discipline.

*Hester's.*—"Enjoys peace."

*Hickory Grove.*—Says, "The Lord has blessed us with a glorious revival."

*French's Creek.*—"In peace." Elder J. M. Register is Pastor.

*Mount Pleasant.*—"In Peace."

*Paradise.*—Nothing special. Elder D. J. Ray is Pastor.

*Sandy Grove.*—Newly constituted, under favorable auspices.

*Shrdy Grove.*—"Nothing very cheering."

*White Lake.*—"In bad order." Asks the prayers of the Association.

*Antioch,* (Brunswick Co.)—In love and unity.

*Bethel.*—Zealous; hence all well.

*Beulah.*—In peace. Elder J. Soles, Pastor.

*Bryan's Chapel.*—"All in peace." Elder A. A. Edwards is Pastor.

*Cheerful Hope.*—"In rather a cold state."

*Lebanon,* (Brunswick Co.)—Newly constituted.

*Livingston Chapel.*—"In peace."

*Mill Creek.*—Nothing special.

*Mount Pisgah.*—Says, "Coldness seems to prevail, but we are in peace."

*Shallotte.*—Says, "We are in peace, have had the services of Elder D. K. Bennett for the past year, and have engaged Elder D. J. Ray for the ensuing year."

*Shiloh.*—"All in peace." Elder A. A. Edwards is pastor.

*Silent Grove.*—"All in peace among ourselves."

*Masonboro'.*—Says, "We have experienced a glorious time among us. Eld. J. B. Barlow is Pastor.

*Bear Swamp.*—Says, "We have had the word preached in its purity, yet coldness abounds." Elder A. R. Pittman is pastor.

*Hays' Swamp.*—Has had a "glorious meeting." Elder D. B. Ayres, Pastor.

*Piney Grove.*—Complains of coldness, speaks in affecting terms of the loss of their pastor, Elder W. S. McDairmid.

*Bethlehem.*—Has had some trouble with those who opposed truth and light, yet seem to have prospered under the pastoral care of Elder R. J. Long.

*Buck Creek.*—Nothing special. Elder J. Soles is Pastor.

*Bug Swamp.*—"In peace, harmony and prosperity."

*Cedar Creek.*—Nothing important.

*Conwayboro',*—"In peace."

*Honey Camp.*—"Nothing cheering."

*Little Pee Dee.*—"In peace and love."

*Macedonia,* (S. C.)—Newly constituted.

*Mount Olive.*—Nothing special.

*Pleasant Meadow.*—"All in peace."

*Salem.*—Peaceful and prosperous.

*Socastee.*—In love, peace and prosperity. Elder R. J, Long is Pastor.

*Spring Branch.*—Prosperous. Elder D. N. Gore, Pastor.

*Springfield.*—All well.

*Union.*—Seems to be prosperous in the good work. Elder H. H. Holmes is Pastor.

*United Churches.*—In peace and harmony. Elder H. H. Holmes is Pastor.

NOTE.—The Cape Fear Association claims a lineal descent from the Welch Baptists, as follows:

The first Baptists in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania were from Wales; they formed the Philadelphia Baptist Association, which adopted the Declaration of Principles set forth by their fathers in London in 1689.

The Philadelphia Association sent out Miller, Vanhorn and Gana, as Missionaries to Eastern North Carolina; they founded the Kehukee Association, from which sprang the Tar River Association; from her the Neuse Association; and from her the Cape Fear; from which sprang, in 1826, the Goshen, now the Eastern Association. The Cape Fear was formed in 1805 and by the division in 1826, was so weakened as to be unable to accomplish much for a time; being left with only 16 Churches and 795 communicants, and raised for all purposes, in 1827, $18. She now (November, 1873,) numbers 78 churches, 6,700 members, and her contributions have increased a hundred fold.

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY.

D. K. B.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD

OF

# CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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SATURDAY, 2:30 o'clock P. M., Oct. 25, 1873.

The Board was called to order by Elder A. R. Pittman, Elder D. K. Bennett acting as Secretary, temporarily,

Elder D. N. Gore invoked the Divine direction.

Appointed Brethren W. C. Powell and Luke I. Yates a Committee of Finance.

Elder Haynes Lennon, General Superintendent of Missions, presented a list of delegates, with statement of amount of funds paid in, whereupon the Board proceeded to the election of officers, viz: A. R. Pittman, President; S. E. Ward, Secretary; Neill Townsend, Treasurer.

On motion, the report of the General Superintendent of Missions was called for, read, approved, and ordered to be inserted in these proceedings.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF HAYNES LENNON, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS IN CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

*Beloved Brethren :*

Through the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father, we are again convened. The past year has been one of deep interest and earnest solicitude on the part of all lovers of the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord. And while there has been less enthusiasm than usual, yet the churches, in the main, have become more stable in doctrine and christian duty than at any former period. The earnestness of the ministry and their hearty co-operation in the maintenance of the principles of the Gospel of Christ, is leavening the whole lump, and identifying the true Israel of God with Apostolic teachings. There are a goodly number of most excellent persons who remain disaffected towards the great work of spreading the Gospel. We believe it is due to those influences thrown around them in their early training, and only requires the work of time with proper instruction to remove their objections and bring them into harmonious co-operation with the Association and Board of Missions. Much of our present peace and prosperity is owing to the untiring prosecution of systematic beneficence—a system that has been employed for thirty-five years, and which, under the direction of that wisdom that cometh from above, will result in the evangelization of our entire territory, which the millions in our own and foreign lands will be indebted to Heaven through our poor instrumentality for a pittance of their heavenly knowledge.

The Board of Missions connected with this Association have deemed it advisable to carry out the propositions published in our last Associational Minutes, and in strict conformity thereto have been laid before nearly every church in our bounds, and have been endorsed as wise and practicable. Thus far no objections have been urged against these measures, that were not *patent* in the past by opponents to a properly trained church and ministry.

### OUR WORK.

Your Superintendent, from failing health was unable to visit all the churches during the year, labored to keep the work going on in the most judicious way in his power. He feels very grateful for the help of so many of the ministry as came to his relief in this very arduous work, and at an hour when so much work was needed. Elders P. C. Connelly, A. R. Pittman and D. K. Bennett, have each devoted much of their time in visiting churches and stations, and we are truly glad to report that much permanent good has been effected under their most untiring labors.

Elders D. J. Ray, J. W. Dickson and J. M. Register have also devoted a small portion of their time to this holy work, and we can truly say, that their labors have been most cordially received. Elder W. D. Martin visited several churches and stations not accessible to other Missionaries, and from his report the churches are in good condition. It is just and proper to state, that while the pastors of the churches throw their influence in the channel of gospel propagation, the missionaries left the administration of ordinances solely to them. Special attention has been paid to weak churches, and in several instances pastor's salaries have been supplemented. Six stations have had occasional preaching—several of which, at no very distant day, will be organized into working bodies.

### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

This department of christian labor, has been primarily the great work of our Board, but the developments of divine Providence unfold the fact, that "the world is the field," that this field must be cultivated. Hence

### STATE MISSIONS,

Under the superintendence of the Baptist State Convention, furnish the facilities for our hearty co-operation, with greatly diminished expenditures in transmitting the "glorious gospel of the Son of God" to the people of our beloved State.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Wafted by the "Angel, flying in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the face of the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," also press their claims for help at this most propitious moment. We bid this Heaven-sent messenger, God speed.

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Of the many equipments requisite to the gospel ministry, this is not the least, and we rejoice that the churches are waking up to this indispensable duty. Brethren H. H. Holmes and J. H. Blanton have been induced to enter school, both of whom are making commendable progress, and it is earnestly hoped they will be continued longer.

### CONCLUSION.

It is a fact worthy of note, that many of the churches, for several years, have depended almost entirely on the Board of Missions for preaching, but are now determined to procure pastoral labor where ministers can be obtained, and withal are willing to aid in sustaining missions at all practicable points. Churches are being generally convinced of the propriety of perpetuating a judicious pastorate, whose labors will both build them up, and save them from those damaging fluctuations so frequently realized by a continuous change of their ministry. We have abundant cause for both humiliation and gratitude:

1. God has removed from the churches, a greater number, this year, by the hand of death than during any year of our existence.

2. The same Divine hand has sifted the churches of much of their unsanctified element, thus purifying His Zion and rendering His flock a peculiar people, zealous of good works, sanctified through the belief of the truth.

And, with the great Apostle of the Gentiles, allow me to close: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment," and "make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,
HAYNES LENNON.

On motion, the plan of operations prosecuted by our Executive Committee, in conjunction with our General Superintendent, meets our hearty approval, and we hereby tender to them our gratitude for their efficient management.

On motion, Elder Haynes Lennon was re-elected General Superintendent of Missions for this Association of Churches.

Agreed, that in the event of his inability to travel, that we will accept his services in advising and co-operating with an Executive Committee consisting of brethren Alfred R. Pittman, S. E. Ward, Neill Townsend, Berry Godwin and Francis Lennon.

Appointed Elder G. W. Hill to audit the accounts of brother Eli Wishart, former Treasurer.

Adjourned to Monday next, 12 o'clock M.

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MONDAY, Oct. 27, 1873, 12 o'clock, M.

Board of Missions came into session. President in the chair.

Auditor's report called for, read and ordered to be appended to these minutes.

Committee of Finance reported that the finances were embraced in a financial statement made by Elder Haynes Lennon, General Superintendent of Missions, which is herewith presented.

Ordered, that this financial statement be received and appended to these minutes.

*Resolved,* That the funds collected for State and Foreign Missions be forwarded by Elder Haynes Lennon to Baptist State Convention.

Agreed, that the funds collected for Ministerial Education be deposited with Elder Haynes Lennon, and that he be authorized to make such appropriations to Elder H. H. Holmes, and J. H. Blanton, who have been at school since April last, as he in his judgment may deem most advisable, and report to the next session of this body.

Ordered, that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee of this Board.

Adjourned to time and place specified for the next session of Cape Fear Baptist Association.

A. R. PITTMAN, PRESIDENT.

S. E. WARD, *Secretary.*

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

| COUNTIES AND CHURCHES. | Association Missions. | State Missions. | Foreign Missions | Ministerial Education. | Total Amount of Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROBESON COUNTY. | | | | | |
| Antioch, | 22 09 | 2 94 | 3 94 | 2 48 | 31 45 |
| Ashpole, | 22 50 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 1 50 | 30 00 |
| Back Swamp,* | 19 05 | 2 54 | 2 54 | 1 27 | 25 40 |
| Big Branch. | 11 81 | 1 58 | 1 58 | 78 | 15 74 |
| Hog Swamp,* | 1 13 | 15 | 15 | 07 | 1 50 |
| Lumberton,* | 13 69 | 1 82 | 1 82 | 92 | 18 25 |
| Mount Elam, | 35 21 | 4 69 | 4 69 | 2 36 | 46 95 |
| Pleasant Grove,* | 11 35 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 75 | 15 10 |
| Raft Swamp, | 4 69 | 63 | 63 | 30 | 6 25 |
| Spring Hill, | 12 38 | 1 65 | 1 65 | 82 | 16 50 |
| Ten Mile Swamp, | 7 50 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 5 50 | 15 00 |
| Zion's Tabernacle, | 13 95 | 1 86 | 1 86 | 93 | 18 60 |
| COLUMBUS COUNTY. | | | | | |
| Beaver Dam,* | 18 | 03 | 03 | 01 | 25 |
| Cedar Grove,* | 3 79 | 50 | 50 | 26 | 5 05 |
| Cherry Grove, | 15 38 | 2 05 | 2 05 | 1 02 | 20 50 |
| Cross Roads,* | 46 77 | 5 37 | 5 87 | 2 76 | 60 77 |
| Flemington, | 11 25 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 75 | 15 00 |
| Iron Hill X Roads. | 7 88 | 1 05 | 1 05 | 52 | 10 50 |
| Macedonia, | 16 45 | 2 20 | 2 20 | 1 10 | 21 95 |
| Mount Moriah,* | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Mount Sinai, | 37 50 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 1 50 | 45 00 |
| Mount Tabor, | 4 13 | 55 | 55 | 27 | 5 50 |
| Mount Zion, | 8 50 | 1 14 | 14 | 1 57 | 12 35 |
| Piney Forest, | 27 19 | 3 62 | 3 62 | 1 82 | 36 25 |
| Pleasant Hill,* | 8 82 | 1 17 | 1 17 | 59 | 11 75 |
| Pleasant Plain, | 20 00 | 2 66 | 2 66 | 1 33 | 26 65 |
| Porter Swamp, | 9 38 | 1 25 | 1 25 | 62 | 12 50 |
| Seven Creeks, | 11 63 | 1 55 | 1 55 | 77 | 15 50 |
| Sweet Home. | 3 75 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 5 00 |
| Western Prong,* | 5 63 | 75 | 75 | 37 | 7 50 |
| White Marsh, | 3 75 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 5 00 |
| Whiteville, | 53 | 1 27 | 1 27 | 63 | 12 70 |
| BLADEN COUNTY. | | | | | |
| Abbottsburg, | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| French's Creek, | 4 65 | 62 | 62 | 31 | 6 20 |
| Hester's M. H., | 5 50 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 7 50 |
| Hickory Grove, | 5 63 | 75 | 75 | 37 | 7 50 |
| Mount Pleasant, | 12 75 | 1 70 | 1 70 | 85 | 17 00 |
| Paradise, | 22 50 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 1 50 | 30 00 |
| Sandy Grove, | 4 60 | ........ | ........ | ........ | 4 60 |
| Shady Grove,.* | 22 50 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 1 50 | 30 00 |
| White Lake,* | 6 23 | 83 | 83 | 41 | 8 30 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY. | | | | | |
| Antioch, | 17 70 | 2 36 | 2 36 | 1 18 | 23 60 |
| Bethel, | 8 63 | 1 15 | 1 15 | 57 | 11 50 |
| Beulah,* | 3 75 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 5 00 |
| Bryan's Chapel,* | 6 57 | 87 | 87 | 44 | 8 75 |
| Cheerful Hope, | 12 57 | 1 67 | 1 67 | 84 | 16 75 |
| Green Swamp Union, | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Lebanon, | 7 50 | 1 00 | 1 50 | 50 | 10 00 |
| Livingston Chapel, | 9 42 | 1 25 | 1 25 | 63 | 12 55 |
| Mill Creek, | 22 13 | 3 45 | 2 95 | 1 47 | 30 00 |
| Monk's Branch Station, | 3 15 | ........ | ........ | ........ | 3 15 |
| Mount Pisgah,* | 5 82 | 77 | 77 | 39 | 7 75 |
| Myrtle Branch Station, | 3 05 | ........ | ........ | ........ | 3 05 |
| New Britain,* | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Shallotte,* | 15 19 | 2 02 | 2 02 | 1 02 | 20 25 |
| Shiloh, | 22 50 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 1 50 | 30 00 |
| Silent Grove, | 18 00 | 2 40 | 2 40 | 1 20 | 24 00 |
| NEW HANOVER COUNTY. | | | | | |
| Masonboro', | 8 61 | 1 15 | 1 15 | 57 | 11 48 |
| MARION COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | |
| Bear Swamp,* | 11 74 | 1 56 | 1 56 | 79 | 15 65 |
| Hays' Swamp,* | 5 40 | 72 | 72 | 36 | 7 20 |
| Piney Grove,* | 7 50 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 50 | 10 00 |
| HORRY COUNTY, S. C. | | | | | |
| Antioch, | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Bethlehem,* | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Buck Creek,* | 6 87 | 91 | 91 | 46 | 9 15 |
| Bug Swamp, | 5 25 | 70 | 70 | 35 | 7 00 |
| Cedar Creek, | 6 41 | 85 | 85 | 44 | 8 55 |
| Conwayboro',* | 43 80 | 5 84 | 5 84 | 2 92 | 58 40 |
| Enterprise Station, | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Honey Camp, | 22 13 | 2 95 | 2 95 | 6 97 | 35 00 |
| Little Pee Dee, | 11 25 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 75 | 15 00 |
| Little River,* | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Macedonia, | 3 75 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 5 00 |
| Mount Olive, | 1 50 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 2 10 |
| Oak Grove,* | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Pleasant Meadow, | 3 19 | 42 | 42 | 22 | 4 25 |
| Salem, | 3 83 | 51 | 51 | 25 | 5 10 |
| Socastee, | 4 13 | 55 | 55 | 27 | 5 50 |
| Spring Branch, | 22 50 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 1 50 | 30 00 |
| Springfield,* | 3 75 | 50 | 5 | 25 | 5 00 |
| Union,* | 5 25 | 70 | 70 | 35 | 7 00 |
| United Churches,* | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Little Hill Station, | 1 00 | ........ | ........ | ........ | 1 00 |
| OTHERWISE. | | | | | |
| H. C. Rockwell, | 5 00 | ........ | ........ | ........ | 5 00 |
| J. S. Wescott, | 7 50 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 50 | 10 00 |
| James A. Thompson, | ........ | ........ | ........ | 1 00 | 1 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George W. Hill, | 5 00 | | | | 5 00 |
| Collection of Old Claims, | 48 00 | | | | 48 00 |
| Remaining on hand, | 27 72 | | | | 27 72 |
| Sabbath Collection, | 25 16 | | | | 25 16 |
| | 963 44 | 109 62 | 110 62 | 68 50 | 1,252 18 |

# DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---|---|
| Elder P. C. Connelly, | $196 00 |
| “ A. R. Pittman, | 166 00 |
| “ D. K. Bennett, | 150 00 |
| “ W. D. Martin, | 88 00 |
| “ D. J. Ray, | 56 00 |
| “ James W. Dickson, | 22 00 |
| “ J. M. Register, | 16 00 |
| “ W. S. McDiarmid, (estate), | 16 66 |
| “ Haynes Lennon, | 252 78 |
| Paid Baptist State Convention for State Missions, | 109 62 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Foreign “ | 110 62 |
| On hand for Ministerial Education, | 68 50 |
| | $1,252 18 |

Yet due Haynes Lennon, . . . . . . . . . . $123 78

Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES LENNON,
*Financial Agent,*

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your Committee, appointed to audit the accounts of Eli Wishart, Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, for the year 1873, have examined the same, and find a balance of twenty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents ($27.94) remaining in his hands, this October 27, 1873.

G. W. HILL.

# LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS

## OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD OF THE CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

Oran Lennon,
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Caswell Porter,
J. F. Grantham,
Coleman Worley,
Neill Townsend,
T. S. Memory,
L. F. Nance,
J. D. Clarke,
Oran Moore,
Levi Grainger,
Isaac Hardee,
Jesse Lancaster,
Charles Bullock,
Ewen Johnson,
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A. McA. Pittman,
David Kellihan,
S. B. Jennings,
Everett Phillips,
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J. M. McGougan,
W. E. Gore,
Wright Lennon,
Elijah Creech,
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Eli McDaniel,
Luke I. Yates,
D. K. Bennett,
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Archibald Hammond,
A. A. Edwards,
John J. Britt,
Alva Lawson,
E. W. Harrelson.

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